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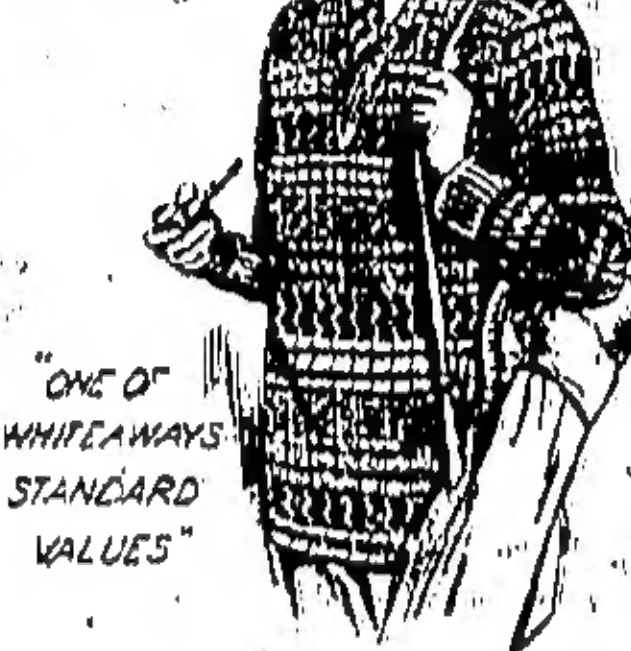
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NEW LEVY AS PRIMARY OBJECT.

Facilitating the Settlement.

TARIFF CONFERENCE PROPOSAL NOW MADE PUBLIC.

In the absence of further information from Canton, speculation has arisen as to the construction to be placed on the two communiques from Canton with regard to the termination of the boycott.

An article in Thursday's "Canton Gazette" throws light on an intriguing situation but readers who wish to read between the lines must come to their own conclusions.

As it is worded, the introduction to this article in our contemporary indicates that publication is with the approval of the authorities, if not actually at their request.

This point is brought up for a purpose. Not long after the strike began the Nationalist Government was asked if official recognition was accorded the Strike Executive, the query being based more or less on statements in the "Gazette." A categorical denial followed.

Quite recently came the two historic despatches. On September 18, Mr. Eugene Chen wrote to the acting British Consul-General that arrangements have been made to end the boycott. . . . (In the same sentence, without any punctuation) and that the proper Chinese authorities will levy . . .

The question that presented itself was: Is the settlement contingent upon these fiscal conditions being put into effect?

The Second Communique. On September 22 the Foreign Office issued the second document which said "arrangements have been made with the Strike Committee for the termination of the boycott."

In the very next paragraph, the communique says:—"To what extent this step will lead to a restoration of Chinese-British trade relations must depend on British policy and action and on British comprehension of Chinese Nationalism, its ideas and force as a principle of energy in the work of unifying and modernising China."

This qualification is, perhaps, too broad to define in the space of even a volume. The question that one asks is:—If the boycott ends, on what exactly does restoration of trade depend? On British policy generally, or on any specific point?

Mystery no Longer. The "Canton Gazette" is explicit. It says:—"In view of the Government's intention to levy a special . . . tax . . . for the primary object of facilitating the settlement of the anti-British strike."

Unless there is a misunderstanding, the only construction to place on this statement—which, as pointed out, appears to bear the inspiration of Nationalist Government—is that the "new taxes are a measure towards settlement. As the tax has yet formally to be put in force through the agency of the Chinese Maritime Customs (as stated), the primary object to facilitate the settlement of the strike has not yet been achieved.

The hoped-for withdrawal of the pickets, the resumption of communications and the return to normal conditions may or may not be separate issues.

A Secondary Object. It is also interesting to note that a secondary object of the special levy is that it "may serve as a preliminary to the abolition of likin."

Several months ago, the Tariff Conference made certain proposals.

The then British Consul-General in Canton, Sir James W. Jamieson, wrote to Dr. C. C. Wu (who was Mr. Eugene Chen's predecessor at the Foreign Ministry) on March 29. At that time, of course, Canton had not mentioned the settlement of the boycott nor the new taxes.

Sir James's communication, enclosing the draft of the proposals, related only to suggested reforms in China's tariff, with a view to abolishing likin.

How it is Worded.

The "Canton Gazette" refers to the boycott and likin together, thus:—

In view of the Government's intention to levy a special Consumption tax on imports and luxuries, as well as a Production tax on exports, for the primary object of facilitating the settlement of the Anti-British Strike, and which may serve as a preliminary to the abolition of likin, the Government has decided to make public the following Memorandum "outlining the proposals of the British Delegation to the Tariff Revision Conference in Peking in the matter of compensation in lieu of likin."

Sir James Jamieson's letter to Dr. Wu, which is now published, reads:—

Dear Mr. Wu, I enclose herewith a memorandum, outlining the proposals of the British Delegation to the Tariff Revision Conference in Peking in the matter of compensation in lieu of likin, and would be glad if, prior to my departure, you would be so good as to afford me the benefit of your own views and those of your colleagues in the Government with regard thereto.

It is to be expected that all forms of taxation of foreign goods will be abolished on compensation being paid, and would the Government be prepared to send a representative to sit on the proposed Commission in Shanghai?

I would welcome any suggestions you may have to offer on this or other points connected with the Customs' question generally.

The Memorandum.

The memorandum, which is too lengthy and full of technical detail to reproduce in full here, has the following paragraphs which are particularly informative:—

In view of existing political conditions in China, however, the foreign Powers would doubtless require to be satisfied, before agreeing to the levy of the Likin Compensation Tax, that the arrangements made by the Chinese Government for the allocation of the proceeds of the Tax to the Provinces in lieu of likin, and their measures for the abolition of likin, will be carried out with the co-operation of the Provincial Authorities concerned.

It should be added that it is assumed in this memorandum that the Chinese Government will levy an Excise (words missing) will be collected with the concurrence of the Powers concerned, as concerned on goods manufactured by foreigners in China, on the understanding that the same taxation will be imposed on the same kinds of goods manufactured by Chinese and that satisfactory arrangements will be made (on the lines indicated below) to free such manufactured goods from all further taxation inland.

Collection by Customs. [The "China Mail" draws attention to the words "will be collected with the concurrence of the Powers concerned."] The Likin Compensation Tax will be collected by the Maritime Customs (subject to any other arrangements that may be made in regard to articles of local manufacture, such as wines and tobacco products) simultaneously with the Import Duty or Excise, and the proceeds will be lodged in Banks to be designated by the Chinese Government at Shanghai.

The proceeds of the Likin Compensation Tax paid on account of goods under inward transit pass will be allocated by the collecting administration, acting on behalf of the Likin Compensation Committee, direct

to the Provincial Authorities concerned in accordance with the destination of the goods as shown on the transit pass. . . . In order to complete the abolition of likin and remove the obstacles and delays to trade which result from the existence of this system of taxation it will still remain for the Provincial Authorities to do away with all barriers, receiving in return for the abandonment of their likin collections on goods of every description their due share of the entire Likin Compensation Fund to be distributed amongst the Provinces. . . . [Note the term "it will" still remain for the Provincial Authorities to do away with all barriers.]

BOMBARD THREAT.

Canton Stand Against Allies.

25,000 PICKED TROOPS MOVE.

Seige of Wuchang to be Raised in a Week?

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Each day brings fresh indications of further progress by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang in his advance on Wuchang and Hankow.

The Allies are moving westwards from Lake T'ayeh, both on land and river.

They threaten to bombard Huangchow immediately should the southerners bar their way.

It seems that the Cantonese are concentrating at Huangchow to prevent Sun Chuan-fang getting into Wuchang.

Whereas the Nationalists have been able to send up 6,000 men withdrawn from the north of Hankow, the Allies are pouring 25,000 picked troops on this point. At Tungshan, the 7th southern Army failed to hold its ground and is retreating.

Elsewhere, the southerners are at the most holding their own or shortening their lines.

Experts predict that Sun Chuan-fang will have raised the siege of Wuchang and captured Hanyang by a week.

How Tide is Turning.

Peking, Oct. 1.

That the tide is beginning to turn against the southerners with regard to the military situation in Hupoh and Kiangsi seems to be indicated by the latest telegrams from foreign sources now reaching Peking.

Hankow messages, dated Sept. 29, state that there is ample evidence that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops are approaching Hankow from the north of the Yangtze.

They have already reached Kwangchow, 40 miles below Hankow.

Southerners' View. Large bodies of Kiangsi-ites have been seen in the vicinity of T'ayeh Lake, at which the Cantonese are stated to have suffered a severe reverse.

Indications point to this force moving westward towards the Hankow-Canton Railway and thence from the north-west towards Wuchang.

The southern military and civil authorities at Hankow appear to be much less optimistic with regard to the situation.—Reuter.

REPORTS BY MAIL.

Electric Mines Used at Yochow.

The following are the latest amplified war reports to hand by mail:—

Shanghai, Sept. 28. The approach to Changsha has been mined, a few small mines of about 200 lb. having been laid in the channel between the Custom House and the Bluff at Chenglin Harbour—the port of Yochow. Two miles were fired off by way of impressing the inhabitants. They are electrically fired from shore, and as far as can be ascertained, are buoyed to indicate their position.

The northern troops are reported to be coming down along the railway line.—"N. C. Daily News."

That Nanchang Bluff. Shanghai, Sept. 28. Our informant states that the truth of the Nanchang affair has been established at last, and that

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BURGLARY SEQUEL.

\$10,000 PAWNSHOP HAUL ECHO.

3 MEN ARRESTED.

As a sequel to the burglary at a pawnshop in Queen's Road, near the Central Market, when money and valuables to the value of \$10,000 was taken, three men have been arrested.

One of the arrested men is a foki whom it is alleged provided impressions of the keys of the establishment. The other two are alleged to have been active participants in the robbery.

It is understood that the men will be charged on Monday.

Photos of present military and political leaders in the Nationalist Party of Canton, and other celebrities, will be found on page 10 of this issue.

southern troops have never been within miles of the town.

What appears to have happened was that local troops routed and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang sent up his own men to clean them up, which was done with comparative ease.

Very slowly foreigners in Hankow are coming round to the belief that the fighting qualities of the southern forces have been over-rated, and the same is being said among certain classes of Chinese.

They point out that the Cantonese have never yet had to meet any strong troops, and that most of the towns that have fallen to them have done so by the means of treachery and greed.

A Worthy Opponent?

Whilst they are admittedly well equipped and well trained, there is likely to be a different tale to tell when they come up against the forces of Marshal Sun, who as any foreign observer who has seen them willingly admits, are smart and efficient troops, well trained and well disciplined.

Wuchang is still holding out and shows no signs of surrendering. On the contrary all reports go to show that the spirit of the defenders is extremely high and the shortage of food is not so bad as Southern propaganda would have us believe.

Humiliating Reverses. The general in charge of the defence appears to be a vigorous and able soldier, and under his guidance a number of sorties have been made from the city as a result of which bodies of Cantonese troops have suffered humiliating reverses and food supplies and animals have been captured.

The negotiations which were previously being conducted are now believed to have been deliberately prolonged by the defending commander in order to stall for time.

The Wuchang garrison is confident that relief will come within the next week or so, either from the north or, from Sun Chuan-fang.

Few southern soldiers are to be seen on the river banks below Hankow, and after a very few miles, none at all are to be seen.—"N. C. Daily News."

Not Anxious For Peace. Hankow, Sept. 23. Arrangements are being made between the besiegers and the city to allow women and children to evacuate Wuchang. It is stated that the evacuation will begin tomorrow, the refugees being looked after by the Hankow Benevolent Association.

In spite of the fact that negotiations for the surrender of the city are continually going on, General Liu Yu-chun does not seem anxious to come to terms with the south. In the meantime there have been no further attacks, while aeroplanes have not been in evidence for the last two days.

Further Disagreement. Hankow, Sept. 24. Wuchang is still holding out. The proposed evacuation of women and children has not yet eventuated, further disagreement having arisen between the rival parties.

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TILL OCTOBER 10.

Boycott Settlement Latest.

SUPPORT FOR DIPLOMACY.

Strike Chief Asks Government for Funds.

An important meeting has been held at Canton in connection with the proposed settlement of the boycott.

Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. T. V. Soong (Finance Minister), and Mr. So Shiu-ching (Chairman of the Strike Executive), took part in the discussion.

Mr. Chen was reported to have advocated resumption of communications on the date fixed so as to support "important diplomatic relations."

Mr. So is said to have asked the Government what funds will be provided to demobilise the strikers.

It was ultimately agreed that the Foreign and Finance Ministries take the matter in hand.

Government Attitude.

A meeting of the Executive of the Kuomintang party is announced for October 10, presumably to discuss the boycott settlement.

It is expected that one section of the party will raise strenuous objections but the Government is reported to be firm in its attitude.

There is little or no change to report from Canton or other stations.

When the "Lungshan" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, there were nearly 2,000 Chinese on the P'raya waiting to hear the latest news.

Mr. Eugene Chen is reported elsewhere to have declared that the boycott cannot end until Oct. 10 and that this will be effective only if there are no reprisals.

A vernacular paper states that two "outside" river steam boats will be running between Hong Kong and Canton in about five weeks.

OVERCAST.

WITH OCCASIONAL RAIN.

WEEK-END FORECAST.

East winds, fresh, overcast, occasional rain: is the forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon tomorrow.

Pressure has decreased considerably over N. E. Japan. It has increased moderately over S. S. Japan and slightly over E. and S. China.

It is nearly stationary over the Philippine Islands.

Moderate fresh monsoon may be expected along the South East coast of China and over the N. China sea.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The wedding is fixed for this afternoon at 3 p.m. (St. John's Cathedral), of Miss Winifred Suckling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Suckling, of Walthamstow, London, and Mr. Percy J. Austin, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin, of Leyton, London.

Messrs. Pearson, Mackie & Co. have been appointed auditors under the Companies Ordinances.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance.—Ordinance No. 8 of 1926.—An Ordinance to authorise the Bank of Canton Limited to convert its gold capital into silver.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointments in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from September 24:—Company Sergeant-Major James Edgar Hancock to be Second-Lieutenant; Sergeant Norman Leslie Howard to be Second-Lieutenant; Sapper Maurice George Noll to be Second-Lieutenant.

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NELLORE	9,863	6th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marselles and London
DELTA	8,097	23rd Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,441	8th Jan.	Marselles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,013	6th Feb.	Marselles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	10th Feb.	Marselles, London and Antwerp
MANTUA	10,002	15th March	Marselles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	18th March	Marselles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marselles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marselles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,123	16th April	Marselles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,441	30th May	Marselles, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marselles & London
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ARAFURA	6,000	20th Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
TANDA	9,066	2nd Dec.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
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KARMALA	9,123	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	9,066	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
NELLORE	9,863	12th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,123	19th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,441	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

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SHIPS' TONNAGE.

VARIOUS USES OF AMBIGUOUS WORD EXPLAINED.

GROSS AND DEAD-WEIGHT.

It is not a surprising thing really, but even seafaring people do find difficulty often in explaining the varieties of tonnage which apply to a ship. To most landmen as a rule the matter is a complete mystery. The trouble is that the word "tonnage" is ambiguous, and certainly the confusion which arises from the existence of the ton (weight) and the ton (volume) is apt to be baffling. This basis of a ship's tonnage is the "ton of measurement," a space containing 100 cubic feet.

But complications arise because there are quite a number of ways of dealing with tonnage. For example, "gross tonnage" indicates the entire interior capacity of a ship expressed in the tons before referred to—100 cubic feet.

Registered Tonnage.
"Registered tonnage" or "not registered tonnage" is calculated from gross tonnage by making certain deductions, such as the space occupied by engines, boilers, bunkers, crew and navigating quarters. The charges which a ship has to bear when such affairs are considered as dock and harbour dues, pilotage dues, and light dues are levied upon registered tonnage.

Because this registered tonnage is supposed to represent the freight-earning capabilities of a vessel, it is a subject of the greatest importance, from the point of economics, to the ship-owner.

No Indication of Size.
Registered tonnage does not give any idea as to the exact size of a ship. One vessel may have a certain registered tonnage, and another of identical dimensions may have quite a different registered tonnage figure, despite the fact that the pair may have the same displacement. It furnishes no reliable comparison between one vessel and another as to displacement, dimensions, or deadweight capacity. A ton of cargo usually occupies less than 100 cubic feet, so that a tramp steamer's cargo tonnage may exceed her gross tonnage.

Deadweight Tonnage.
The "deadweight tonnage" of a merchant ship is the weight of cargo, stores, and fuel reckoned in tons of 2,240 lbs.

"Cargo tonnage" is reckoned either by weight or by measurement; a ton by weight on the continent is, as a rule, 40 cubic feet. When a cargo rate is quoted, it is assumed that the rate means either per ton weight or per ton measurement, at the option of the owner of the vessel. Thus on a heavy cargo the charge would rest on the ton by weight, while on a light but bulky cargo, the charge would rest on the measurement ton.

A ship's displacement is the amount of water which she displaces when afloat. This amount, expressed generally in cubic feet, is called the volume of displacement; the corresponding weight is termed the weight of displacement; herein is found the explanation of the "displacement tonnage" of a vessel.

NEW AMERICAN SHIP

MALOLO, LARGEST VESSEL BUILDING IN U.S.

CONVERTIBLE TO CRUISER.

Three special features will make the Steamship "Malolo," now being built at Cramp's Shipyards for the Matson Line, of especial interest. It was announced by the Bureau of Research of the United States Shipping Board, July 29.

They are:
(1) The "Malolo" when completed, will be the largest merchant ship ever built in the United States, having a length over all of 582 feet and a beam of 83 feet.
(2) The "Malolo" will be the fastest ship on the Pacific, cutting off two days from the round trip between San Francisco and Hawaii, which now requires 12 days.
(3) The "Malolo" will be constructed to conform to naval specifications, having gun bases on her decks, underwater steering gear and readily convertible into an auxiliary cruiser.

To Be Ready in February.
The estimates of the shipbuilders now are that the ship will be ready for use by February, 1927. Her hull was launched at Philadelphia June 23, last. Work is said to be progressing far ahead of the schedule and no delays have been encountered in spite of a \$250,000 fire, caused by an overheated rivet early in the construction work.

One of the primary functions of the Shipping Board is the development of the American merchant marine, it was pointed out, and the board is almost as proud of the "Malolo" as if it were one of the ships of the Government fleet controlled by them.

The "Malolo," when completed, will have taken 26 months to build and will cost \$5,500,000. Its beam of 83 feet, compared to its length of 582 feet, will give it unusual stability, it has been declared by marine engineers. It has a draft of 23 feet 6 inches and 22,000 tons displacement. Its passenger capacity will be 893, its shaft horsepower 25,000 and its speed 21 knots.

Complete System of Ventilation.
There will be 270 state rooms, with 160 private baths. There will also be a swimming pool and electric bath. As the vessel will ply through warm climates a complete system of mechanical ventilation will be installed, as well as a refrigeration plant with a capacity of 37½ tons daily.

The vessel will be a twin-screw steamer, with turbo-electric drive, power to be supplied by 12 oil-fired water-tube boilers. All auxiliary machinery will be electrically driven and the galley will be fitted with electric cooking ranges, bake ovens, heating tables and other accessories.

The specifications call for 20 lifeboats. Of these 20 boats 16 will be 28-foot steel boats, two will be 30-foot power boats and the other two will be 20-foot workboats ready to be used as lifeboats. The two 30-foot boats will be motorised, powerful enough to tow the other craft, and will be equipped with radio.

Conforms With Naval Needs.
Aside from her features as a fast passenger liner, with accommodations equal to the highest standard afloat, the "Malolo" is designed to be converted in a short time into an auxiliary cruiser for the United States Navy in time of national emergency. The plans conform

NEW N.Y.K. VESSELS.

ANXIOUS ABOUT COMPETITION ON KORE-SHANGHAI SERVICE.

WANTS TEN SHIPS.

Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have decided to build two steamers, each of about 3,200 tons, to be placed on the Kobe-Shanghai service. The vessels will be of the "Chikuba Maru" type and will cost about ¥800,000 each.

There are now eight steamers allotted to the line, but the company is worried about the increasing competition of the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha and wishes to improve its service, which it has held exclusively for many years.

It is expected that the Mitsubishi Shipbuilding and Engineering Works and the Yokohama Dockyard, which is under N.Y.K. management, will receive the orders for the new ships.

The company also has announced sale of a tract of land along the Yangtze to a Chinese firm for ¥500,000 and purchase of the former site of the Shanghai branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank for ¥1,000,000. The N.Y.K. will erect a new building there. It is believed that the business results for the present term will be less favourable than those for the term which ended in July.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. L. s.s. "Benlomond" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on Monday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama on September 25, at p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Monday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here from Vancouver via Japan ports and Shanghai at 7 a.m. on October 5 and will sail for Manila, P.I., at 5 p.m. on October 8. She is due back from Manila, P.I., at 7 a.m. on October 11 and will sail for Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai and Japan ports at noon on October 14.

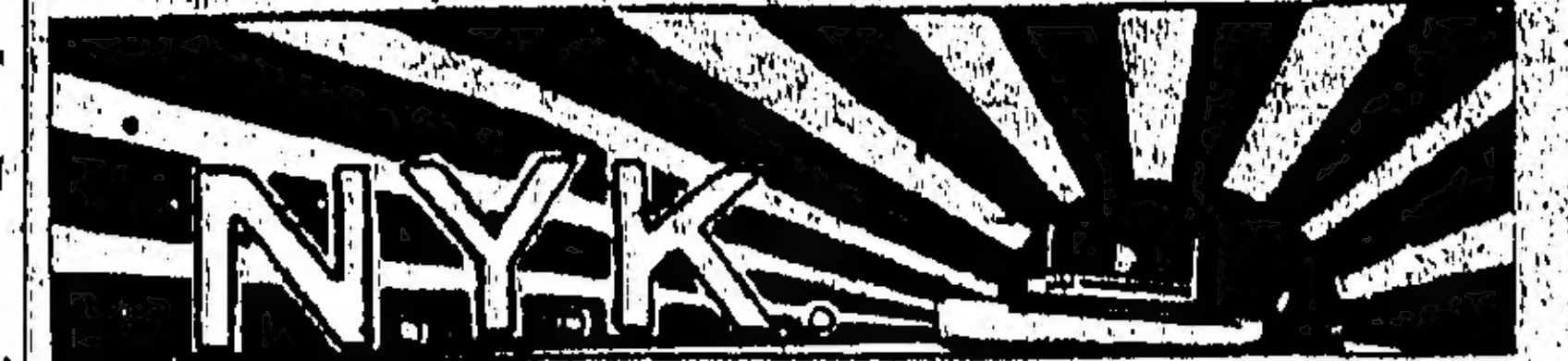
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on September 30 and is due here on October 18.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 19 and is due here on or about October 29.

The M.V. s.s. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on September 19 and is due here on or about October 29.

The specifications call for the very highest grade of marine construction, fittings, equipment, etc. She will have underwater steering gear and her decks will be reinforced for gun emplacements. In time of war or other emergency she would be fully equipped to serve as a troop ship or other naval aid.

In providing these facilities, it was stated at the offices of the Shipping Board, the designers have been careful to fully observe the limitations of the arms conference.



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KITANO MARU	Saturday, 9th October.
HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 23rd October.
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MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 24th November.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
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LISBON MARU	Friday, 29th October.
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KANAGAWA MARU	Friday, 15th October.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	
TAMBA MARU	Monday, 11th October.
TOTTORI MARU	Friday, 29th October.
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MALACCA MARU	Friday, 8th October.
RANGOON MARU	Monday, 18th October.
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MISHIMA MARU	Saturday, 13th October.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
KATORI MARU	Monday, 4th October.
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HENSON.—On September 16, 1926,
to Mr. and Mrs. James Sydney
Henson, at their residence, 205,
Canter Hall, Penang, a daughter.

NOYLE.—At Robb's, Bogawanta-
law, (Ceylon), on Sept. 12, to
Trickie, the wife of H. W. Noyle,
a daughter.

OAKSHOTT.—On September 22,
1926, at the Maternity Hospital,
Singapore, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J.
Oakshott, a daughter.

DEATHS.

MANLEY.—On September 18, at
the Maternity Hospital, Penang,
Jennifer, only child of Dr. and
Mrs. Manley, of Surgei Patani.

ROBERTSON.—On September 18,
1926, at the European Hospital,
Seremban, Farleigh Robertson,
J.P., (retired Federated Malay
States Civil Service), of Roma
Estate, Jelebu, N.S., aged 82
years, second son of the late
John Hutchison Robertson,
M.D., J.P., of Great
King Street, Edinburgh, and
Leonie Hill, Singapore and the
late Mrs. Robertson, and dearly-
loved father of F. R. Murray
Robertson, of Roma Estate,
Jelebu.

Hongkong, Saturday, October 2, 1926.

A SATURDAY CLUSERIE.

There remain eight days to the
day upon which we are assured by
Mr. Eugene Chen that the com-
plete removal of the boycott
pickets and of all restrictions on
the movement of cargo between
Hong Kong and Canton will have
been effected. Although it would
be unfair to adopt as a criterion
for the standard of sincerity of
the assurance any happenings
prior to that date, the reference
in the note from Canton to the
"probability" of pickets (and with
them of all restrictions) being re-
moved by the end of September
assumes greater importance in
view of the statement made by
the Chinese officer in charge of
the pickets at Samchun to the
Customs officer there that the
pickets had received instructions
to leave by September 30.

The pickets have not, in fact,
withdrawn from Samchun and in
Canton those that had previously
been withdrawn from Shakes
have now returned. It is difficult
to gauge the exact significance of
this renewal of activities unless it
is attributable to the functioning
of the very human instinct to
"make hay while the sun shines."
If Canton is sincere in its over-

tures, the sun will cease to shine
on the pickets from October 10
onwards. In the meantime, ship-
ping companies have no alterna-
tive but to "wait until the boycott
is officially finished" (in the words
of the Secretary of the Steamboat
Company) before they venture to
send vessels alongside the Canton
wharves again.

The last few years have been
well up to normal as regards rain-
fall (and consequently water sup-
plies) and this year the storms
which have caused such consider-
able damage and loss of life have
at any rate filled all our reser-
voirs to overflowing. But it is a
matter of considerable doubt
whether our water supply re-
sources on the island would be
sufficient in the event of acute
rain shortage such as has been
experienced in the past years
when the population on
the island was far less than it is
to-day and the problem corre-
spondingly less acute. The total
rainfall for the year has, in years
past, been down to little over 40
inches. At present, we may feel
temporary secure with one of al-
ready well over 90 inches but it
would be a foolish policy which
did not look to the future. It was
with an eye to future water re-
quirements on the island that the
scheme was formulated for the
supply of Hong Kong and Kow-
loon from the Shing Mun Valley
and, with pipes laid across the
harbour for the conduct of filter-
ed water to a service bed near the
Botanical Gardens, Hong Kong
could afford to smile at rainfall re-
turns however meagre. But it
certainly cannot afford to do so
now that the scheme is in abey-
ance—and, as it is understood,
abandoned so far as the present
Governor's policy is concerned.

The reason for dropping the
scheme is stated to be that the
ground in question is in leased
territory and that if in 1999 it is
returned to China it is as well
that as little expense as possible
be incurred. But the present
works supplying Kowloon with
water are also in leased territory
and subject to the same possi-
bility. Put on a proper work-
ing basis, there is no reason why,
in 70 years, works for supplying
the island with water from the
mainland should not have paid for
themselves, besides having been a
guarantee against any possible
shortage. That is putting the
case at its worst, assuming that
at the end of the leased period the
land and works on it would func-
tion no more; but such would
hardly be the case.

In any event, the press-
ing necessity for assuring a water
supply sufficient for needs in any
emergency is so patent that it
does not need stressing. We have
certainly managed in recent years
to supply a growing population on
the island from island sources.
But these sources are limited and
have been developed to their ut-
termost; and it must be borne in
mind that during the last twelve
years we have been exceedingly
fortunate in that our rainfall has
not dropped below normal to any

great extent. In the absence of
a permanent supply such as the
Shing Mun scheme could give us
on the island, the problem of sup-
plying the island in the event of a
year of acute rain shortage would
be a serious one. Is not the mat-
ter so vitally important that there
should be a re-consideration of the
abandonment of the Shing Mun
scheme for supplying Hong Kong?
There was a passing reference to
the matter in the Finance Com-
mittee discussions this week and
the Budget debate will provide
our Unofficial members with a
further opportunity of pressing
the utility of pursuing the
present policy of abandonment.

SKETCH IN DUTCH.

MRS. DICK NORTON SPEAKS
ON CHINA.

"NOT FOR ALL THE TEA."

The Globetrotters open their
season at the Star Theatre to-night
and judging from the bookings,
they are in for a record season.
Mr. Dick Norton's popular com-
promises Hong Kong theatre-goers
an entirely new programme.

Speaking to a representative of
the "China Mail" yesterday, Mr.
Norton said that, in response to the
request of a large number of
friends, he would endeavour to in-
clude an up-to-date version of his
former great success, "The Mid-
night Train to Albany."

This number has been revised
since the departure of Miss Betty
Norton and, according to Straits
papers to hand, is more side-splitt-
ing than ever.

Mr. Norton's company now
comprises the Misses Peggy
James (soubrette), Billie Conway
(soprano), and Gladys Cathie (ball-
room and specialty dancer). On
the male side, Mr. Norton is sup-
ported by Messrs. Lee Brooker
(light comedian) Ralph Lynne
(who partners Miss Cathie and
appears in a number of solo num-
bers) and "Bucky" Morris (acom-
panist and solo pianist).

Laugh in Wrong Place.
Mrs. Dick Norton (Miss Lolla
Forbes), who has been on a visit
to New Zealand, is due in the
Colony on Friday next when she
will rejoin the company.

Interviewed recently by the
Sydney "Sun," Mrs. Norton said
"I would not live out here if you gave
me all the tea in China" and went
on to reveal something which will
come as something in the nature of
a surprise to her many friends in
Hong Kong.

To quote the "Sun": "Their ver-
satility is such that they translate
their sketches into Dutch when
occasion demands. 'Very bad
Dutch, I'm afraid,' said Mrs.
Norton laughingly. The audience
roars, in the wrong place, of course,
at our mistakes and not at our
humour. But, still, they love us."

BUS SQUABBLE.

EUROPEAN TO PAY \$10
COMPENSATION.

STRUCK A CHINESE.

Finding that a charge against
Capt. Weston, of the S.S. "Ling
Nam," of assaulting a Chinese had
been proved, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill,
at the Kowloon Magistracy, yes-
terday, ordered Capt. Weston to
pay \$10 compensation owing to
the Chinese in question having
been put to considerable expense
and loss of dignity.

The case arose out of an in-
cident which occurred on one of
the Kowloon Motor Bus Co.'s
vehicles, leading to a charge of
assault against the Chinese being
brought by Mr. T. S. Jeffreys who
in turn brought counter-sum-
mons against Mr. Jeffreys and
Capt. Weston.

Capt. Weston and Mr. Jeffreys
were passengers in the same bus
on Sept. 14 when the Chinese, who
is an employee of the Telephone
Company, got into the bus and (it
was alleged by the two European
passengers) dropped a coil of rope
about the feet of Capt. Weston.
Words followed between the two
European passengers and the
Chinese and, according to Capt.
Weston, the Chinese when asked
by him to produce his ticket re-
fused to do so, eventually pro-
ducing it and "flashing it across"
his (Capt. Weston's) face.

An Indian constable who board-
ed the bus in the course of the dis-
pute, in reply to the H.S. Workshop,
said that the Chinese produced his
ticket on the ordinary way and did
not flourish it in the face of Capt.
Weston. He saw Capt. Weston
strike the Chinese who in turn hit
the captain.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CELEBRATING END OF THE
BOYCOTT.

CHINESE FIRECRACKERS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Can you please inform me
if the firecrackers let off in town
yesterday by Chinese were in
celebration of the end of the boy-
cott? From what I see in your
esteemed journal, the boycott still
exists. If my supposition is cor-
rect then our Chinese friends
must have been a little pre-
mature.

It struck me that no matter if
the Chinese were right or not, it
is a jolly good idea. I notice one
enterprising house of entertain-
ment putting on a special pro-
gramme to celebrate so that when
the proper time does come we
should all get in as well to show
our good feelings for Canton.

I trust influential residents will
support the idea to have a general
holiday on the occasion of be-
coming festivities.

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Oct. 1.

[Editor's Note: Yesterday was
observed by some as the festival
of the "Sun-God"—hence the fire-
crackers which, as far as we
know, are not attributable to the
promised settlement of the boy-
cott. Chinese ladies observe the
day by worshipping and, incident-
ally, firing crackers. We think
our correspondent will agree that
his proposal of a holiday will have
a better reception after October
10. Shopkeepers in Canton, how-
ever, intend having a fish lantern
procession "three days after the
settlement" to celebrate.]

LOCAL AUCTION RINGS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I beg to thank C. A. R.
for his second explanation. He
has convinced me to a great ex-
tent but small doubts still linger
in my mind.

Thanking you for inserting my
letters,

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Oct. 2.

INVENTION & INSTINCT.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—It is surprising to learn
that the world's qualified women
air pilots number no more than
twenty-two. China, strangely
enough, claims four of these
against Britain's two. Women, it
is only too evident, are even slow-
er than men to take to flying. Yet
has it not been said that women
have the makings of ideal air-
men?

One of the most curious fea-
tures of the first quarter of the
twentieth century is our tardy de-
velopment of the air sense. It
cannot be mere fright, because the
British do unfalteringly far riskier
things than flying—crossing a
traffic-crowded street at night for
instance. There is some other
reason in psychology for it and it
may be found in horror of the
utter isolation which scurrying
through the air involves. We
affect to desire escape from the
"maddening crowd," but it is
largely affectation. We dread, in
fact, being cut off from our fel-
lows. The invention of flying has
far outstripped the instinct—how
far Britain's solitary two air-
women sufficiently attest. Per-
haps some of your readers will
venture their opinion upon this
subject?

Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, Oct. 1, 1926.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES STEWART.

Shanghai, September 23.—One of
the oldest and most respected of
members of the marine engineer-
ing profession in Shanghai, Mr.
James Stewart, died suddenly on
Thursday night, September 23,
from heart failure. Mr. Stewart,
who was 52 years of age, received
his early training at the famous
Denny works, Dumbarton, and
came to Shanghai 30 years ago.
He became associated with the
China Merchants' S. N. Co. im-
mediately on arrival and remained
in that company's employ till the
time of his death. His last ap-
pointment was as chief engineer of
the S.S. "Hainan."

Many of those who played foot-
ball in the early years of this
century will have memories of Mr.
Stewart, who played regularly for
the Marine Engineers' team. He
was one of the oldest members of
the Engineers' Club, and his death
will leave a gap in the life of that
institution which will be difficult
to fill. Mr. Stewart was mar-
ried. His brother, Mr. A. C.

FIENDISH DELIGHT.

HOW CANTONESE ANNOY
FOREIGNERS.

SITUATION ON YANGTSE.

Foreigners arriving at Shang-
hai from up-river report that
Hankow has settled down very
quietly under the regime of the
southerners.

It appears that there are very
few Cantonese troops actually in
Hankow at present, but the few
that are there delight in making
themselves as obnoxious to for-
eigners as they possibly can.

Furthermore, considerable rain
is being given to students and
agitators who are doing their ut-
most to foment labour troubles
and anti-foreign, more especially
anti-British, feeling.

They succeeded in getting the
Hankow richa coolies to strike as
a protest against the British for
one day, after which the men all
went back to work.

The Chinese generally are very
apathetic to the whole movement,
whilst among those Chinese who
have habitual dealings with for-
eigners there is not the slightest
trace of anti-foreign feeling, un-
like during the troubles of last
year which all classes of Chinese
displayed resentment and suspi-
cion.

Any trouble which may occur in
this direction at present will be
purely artificial, and as such can-
not last, remarks the "North
China Daily News" of this Tues-
day.

British Ships Searched.
Shipping people are reported to
be much incensed at permission
given by the Consular authorities
to Chang Kai-shék for his men to
search all shipping at Kilo metre
10, a point a little way below
Hankow.

The excuse given for this
search is that the Cantonese have
to take every precaution against
the importation of arms and am-
munition and general contraband
of war.

Actually it seems to be but an-
other instance of the Cantonese
fiendish delight in annoying the
foreigner in every possible way.
The searches thus carried out
are perfunctory and irritating in
the extreme.

On one British vessel a few sol-
diers came on board to conduct
the search without even an
officer. Asked where their officer
was they replied that he was
asleep and had given orders that
his men were to carry out the
searching and were not to disturb
him unless anything wrong was
found on any of the ships.

Dangerous Precedent.
Another vessel, also British,
was held up for three hours while
waiting for the searchers to come
on board.

Feeling is running high on this
subject among the merchants.
They point out that by allowing
Chang Kai-shék's men to search
foreign ships in this manner a
most dangerous precedent is being
established and one which there
is now no logical reason for deny-
ing to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.
They point out further that
Marshal Sun in all his dealings
has shown every courtesy to ship-
ping, unlike the Cantonese, and
they fail to see why Chang Kai-
shék should not do the same.

Furthermore, if there is any
genuine desire to search ships,
there was nothing to prevent this
being done by a Cantonese officer
in the presence of the usual cus-
toms search party.

If Marshal Sun should care to
demand that all foreign ships be
searched by his men, shipping
might be subjected to these de-
lays at every port between Shang-
hai and Hankow.

His Excellency the Governor
has given his assent in the name
and on behalf of His Majesty the
King, to the following Ordinance
passed by the Legislative Coun-
cil—Ordinance No. 13 of 1926.—
An Ordinance to charge a certain
loan upon the general revenue and
assets of the Colony of Hong
Kong.

Stewart is in Shanghai, and also
two nephews, Mr. W. Macdonald
and Mr. J. Hood.

The funeral took place at the
Pahoa Cemetery on Friday
afternoon, the pall-bearers being
Capt. Mackinnon, Mr. Gavin
Wallace, Captain Mahon, Mr. N.
Ling, Mr. Beveridge and Mr. W.
Macdonald.

COBHAM HOME.

GREAT WELCOME ON THE THAMES.

MEMORABLE SCENES.

London, October 1.
Cobham arrived at Westminster at 2.15 p.m.—Reuter.

Tremendous Cheering.

London, Oct. 1.
A vast gathering of people lined both sides of the Thames at Westminster, being reminiscent of Boat Race days, to welcome Mr. Cobham. There were tremendous outbursts of cheering as he passed and re-passed Parliament Houses prior to landing at the spot facing the Houses of Parliament.

Amid a deafening din a motor dinghy alongside the seaplane brought Mr. Cobham to the Speaker's steps, where he was greeted by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Cobham (who was dressed in black and white), Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, Sir W. S. Bracken, the fiancé of Sergeant Ward, and the wife and small daughter of the mechanic, Mr. Capell.

The Speaker and Mr. Cobham's wife descended the steps to the water's edge, where the airman embraced his wife and general congratulations followed.

Mall from Australia.

The mechanics came up in a second launch, Mr. Cobham—with out a hat and wearing his old dilapidated dungarees—worn throughout the journey—helping them to land. They were still carrying a special mail from the Governor-General of Australia to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and a message to His Majesty the King.

A huge Union Jack and the Dominion flags were flown from the walls of the Houses of Parliament.

Official Welcome.

An official welcome was held in the Speaker's garden, Sir Samuel Hoare congratulating the airman on his feat. He sympathetically referred to the mechanic, Elliott, who was shot on the outward flight.

Sir Charles Wakefield, who partly financed the flight, also paid a tribute to Mr. Cobham.

In responding, the airman emphasised that the flight was not a stunt but was intended to find out what they could do, and they found out a lot. He eulogised his crew, and hoped that the British people would realise the importance of flying.

His Majesty sent a message to Mr. Cobham cordially welcoming him home and heartily congratulating him in the successful termination of an historic flight.

23,000 Miles Covered.

At the conclusion of the speeches Mr. Cobham delivered the mail from Australia.

Mr. Cobham covered a total of 23,000 miles, his flying time being 320 hours. The machine used was a De Havilland built in 1923 and was the same as Cobham flew in last year to South Africa and back.—Reuter.

A GREAT OCCASION.

"Pilot Pioneer of the Empire."

Rugby, Oct. 1.

Mr. Alan Cobham's great flight to Australia and back ended to-day when, in the presence of immense crowds of Londoners on the embankments and buildings on both sides of the river, his seaplane alighted on the Thames opposite the Houses of Parliament.

The weather conditions were ideal, and the sun was shining brightly when a roar of cheering announced that the machine was in sight.

Flying at a low altitude Mr. Cobham followed the course of the river to Hammersmith, and, on returning, circled twice over Westminster before gliding down to make perfect contact with the river.

The machine was quickly moored, and Mr. Cobham, followed by his mechanics, was brought by a motor launch to the Terrace of the Houses of Parliament.

The Terrace was crowded with a distinguished gathering—Cabinet Ministers, Peers, and Members of Parliament with their ladies. India was represented by the Maharajah of Burwan, who is here to attend the Imperial Conference, and another noteworthy personage present was Prince Feisal, heir of the King of Hedjaz.

On a raised platform sat those who were to take a more immediate part in the reception. In the centre was Sir Samuel Hoare, Air Minister, with Mrs. Cobham on his left. Others included Air-Marshal Sir Sifton Bracken, Sir Ronald Waterhouse (representing the Prime Minister), Mr. J. H. Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Sir Charles Wakefield. It was chiefly through the action of Sir Charles Wakefield, a generous supporter of British aviation, in com-

(Continued on back page.)

STEEL TRUST.

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN IN AMERICA.

HOOVER MAKES A MOVE.

New York, Oct. 1.
Great interest is being taken in the formation of the European Steel Trust. Mr. H. C. Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, it is reported, has ordered an investigation of the matter.

The opinion is generally expressed, however, that the new combination will not menace the American home market, but will possibly considerably influence the world market.

Mr. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, says he hopes that the Combine will be a great success. He thinks that its managers will be friendly toward America, whence the sentiment will certainly be reciprocated.

The spokesman of the leading manufacturers at Pittsburgh expresses the opinion that the influence of keener competition as the result of the Combine will be chiefly felt in the Far East and Latin-America, where the cheaper labour transport enjoyed by the Trust will give it an advantage.—Reuter's American Service.

French Socialists' Anxiety.

Paris, Oct. 1.
The Socialist leader, M. Blum, intends to interpellate the Government on the exact tenor of the Steel Convention, the conditions under which the Government controlled the negotiations, and the measures to be taken for the purpose of watching its economic and social repercussions and the possible consequences in regard to France's foreign policy.—Reuter.

RUM PIRATES.

BRITISH SCHOONER'S GAME FIGHT.

St. Augustine (Florida), Oct. 1.
Federal agents have arrested twelve men as the result of an investigation into an attack of rum pirates on the schooner "Hazel Herman," said to be British, thirty miles from Anastasia Light on August 9.

It appears the pirates were in a powerful motor-boat and ran alongside the schooner, which was reported to be carrying liquor, and attempted to go on board.

The pirates fire seriously wounded the captain and the cook of the schooner, whose return fire killed a pirate and seriously wounded another, whereupon the pirates cashed off.—Reuter's American Service.

WORLD COURT.

AMERICA PROPOSES TO ADHERE TO IT.

Washington, Oct. 1.
It is announced that President Coolidge is ignorant of any movement in America for the withdrawal of the United States from the World Court, to which the United States proposes to adhere.—Reuter's American Service.

KARAKHAN GOING.

SUCCESSOR ON HIS WAY TO PEKING.

Moscow, October 1.
M. Chernich, the Soviet Plenipotentiary representative in Latvia, has been appointed temporary substitute to M. Karakhan, the Soviet Ambassador to China, and is on his way to Peking to take up his duties.—Reuter.

BOMBARD THREAT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

General Liu Yu-chun maintains the same uncompromising attitude, apparently hoping for relief from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, as a come-back by Marshal Wu Peifu now seems scarcely possible.

Populace Suffers.

Comparative quietness has been reigning for the last couple of days but this is thought to be probably the calm before the storm. Persistent rumours are afloat of attempts on a large scale to mine the city wall, colour being lent to these by the removal of large quantities of explosives from here but how a mine can be laid under the fire from the walls is not clear.

Owing to the absence of word from inside the city, nothing definite is known regarding the conditions obtaining in Wuchang but the populace by now, it is feared, must be suffering greatly from lack of food and supplies.

Evacuation Impossible.

Hankow, Sept. 24.
Generals Chen Chia-mo and Liu Yu-chun, who are still in Wuchang, insist that the women and children refugees in the city should be registered before they are allowed to leave for Hankow. General Tang Sun-tze, upon receiving reports to the effect that the remnant of Marshal Wu Peifu troops have planned to relieve Generals Chen and Liu in the near future, has ordered a strict blockade around the city, thus making it practically hopeless to relieve the refugees.

Dying of Starvation.

A part of General Fan Chung-shiao's troops passed here for Wuchang, to participate in an attack upon the city. Hundreds of people within the city walls are dying from starvation. Efforts to relieve them having proved failures, several proposals have been made to accelerate the attack in order to reduce the number of deaths as far as possible. Not a few requests of this nature have been presented to the Revolutionary Headquarters during the last two days.—"Kuo Wen."

BUS SMASH.

12 PASSENGERS KILLED IN AMERICA.

Dixon (California), Oct. 1.
Twelve of thirteen passengers in a motor bus were killed when it was struck by the Overland Limited, the "crack" train of the Southern Pacific railroad.—Reuter's American Service.

PEKING CHANGES.

Peking, Oct. 1.
At this afternoon's Cabinet meeting it was decided that Dr. Wellington Koo should relinquish the portfolio of Finance and overtake the War Ministry (Foreign Ministry) from Admiral Tsai Tingkan, whose resignation has been accepted and, simultaneously, take charge of the Premiership, Admiral Tu Hsi-kuei remaining in the Cabinet as Navy Minister. It is not yet settled who shall succeed Dr. Koo as Finance Minister.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. John Watson to act as Secretary to the Sanitary Board, during the absence on leave of Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith, with effect from September 28.

PORTUGUESE WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL.



Photo by Lee Fong.
Group photo taken after the wedding last Saturday, at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, of Mr. A. G. Pereira (of Shanghai) and Miss L. M. Rosa. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids in the Misses L. Silva, C. Garcia, C. Rodrigues and O. Azevedo; and by two flower-girls in the Misses C. Rosa and P. Luz. On the extreme left is the Rev. Fr. Julio C. Rosa (of Macao), uncle of the bride, who performed the ceremony. Mr. J. P. Xavier gave the bride away. The duties of best man were performed by Messrs. M. P. Baptista (second from left) and M. M. Rosa.

BRITISH GUIANA.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION APPOINTED.

ECONOMIC ENQUIRY.

Rugby, Oct. 1.

The Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, has appointed a Parliamentary Commission consisting of Mr. Roy Wilson and Mr. H. Snell, Members of Parliament, with Mr. R. A. Sedgwick, Assistant Principal of the Colonial Office, as Secretary, to visit British Guiana.

The Commission will consider and report on the economic condition of the Colony, causes which have hitherto retarded and the measures which could be taken to promote development, and any facts which they may consider to have a bearing on above matter.

The Commissioners are proceeding to British Guiana about the middle of October.—British Wireless Service.

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Mr. Fairbanks is not satisfied to produce a picture that is passably right as to incidental detail. Costuming is comparatively easy, but what of the habits of pirates? Their routine during the time they are not fighting? Their manner of duelling? Their caste system? The thousand-and-one technicalities of rigging Seventeenth Century ships? The dress, manners and customs of the honest seafarers who had nothing to do with piracy?

Ships had to be built, old-time riggers had to be garnered from the four corners of the earth; various properties must be gathered from museums, private collections and odd places; flintlocks, swords, sabres, and cutlasses must be found.

Now that it is finished, Mr. Fairbanks is proud of its fidelity not only to detail of investiture but to the spirit of pirate days. It swings and rolls with the sea, it smells of the salty air, it swaggers with the roistering braggadocio of the buccannier; there is the gory terror of bloody battles and the rollicking fun of piracy's grim humour.

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STRIKE CHATTER.

CANTON'S ANTI-BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

WHAT THEY SAY.

September 30, being the day mentioned by Mr. Eugene Chen as the date on which the boycott would be most probably terminated, it is interesting to observe that there is no reference in that day's "Canton Gazette" to the possible withdrawal of the pickets.

Obviously a translation, a circular on "Severance of Economic Relations" is published.

After referring to the incidents of (Shanghai) May 30 and (Shanghai) June 23 of last year and the recent action by the British Navy against the pickets, the circular says about the peace conference of July—the Hong Kong Government declined to accept even the lowest terms proposed by the Nationalist Government and, in their place, put forth aggressive demands; thus bringing the negotiations to a standstill.

Those so-called "aggressive" demands have been given full publicity and comment now is unnecessary.

"Swear Not to Stop."

The circular concludes— "In consequence, the Committee for Extending the Severance of Economic Relations with the British" has been organised by the various classes of people in Kwangtung to throttle the British Imperialists by our economic weapon. Before the cancellation of the British Gunboat policy, and the settlement of the Canton-Hong Kong Strike for protesting against the massacres of May 30 and June 23, we swear not to stop for a single day our movement of severing economic relations with the British.

"It is sincerely hoped that all our fellow-countrymen will rise up with one accord, to aid in solving the crisis before our country."

The "China Mail" wishes to be distinctly understood that the foregoing is reproduced merely to clear, if possible, some of the obscurity enshrouding the position at Canton.

"Resumptions Likely."

It is not undoubted that a large section of the responsible unofficial classes are anxiously awaiting the settlement. Latest news will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The following paragraphs are translations from the Canton vernacular press:

The representatives of foreign firms, who had left Shameen on the commencement of the strike, are now beginning to return to Shameen, as relations between Canton and Shameen are likely to be resumed after the termination of the strike.

On Sept 27 the Municipal Council of Shameen finally cancelled all martial law restrictions, and published a special notice that henceforth boats may anchor off Shameen and land passengers, says a Chinese news-agency report.

The Hong Kong government since the commencement of the Hong Kong-Canton Strike have put an embargo on silver exported out of Hong Kong. It was stipulated that no one leaving Hong Kong could take more than H.K. \$5. This limit was raised subsequently to \$50. Now all restrictions are cancelled.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

EUROPEAN INJURED AT CAINE ROAD.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Caine road was the scene of two accidents yesterday, a European motor cyclist who was involved in one being injured and a European lady, involved in the other, escaping without injury although the car was damaged.

A motor cycle driven by Mr. J. W. Wells, an overseer in use P. W.D., and the driver of motor car No. 2105 collided at the corner near the St. Paul's Girls' School about 2.30 p.m. The motor car was going from east to west and the motor cycle was being driven in the opposite direction.

Mr. Wells sustained injuries to his leg and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in the car which was involved in the collision.

Lady Driver's Escape.

At ten o'clock the same evening, the policeman on duty at Glenelg corner reports that motor car No. 1855, travelling from west to east, crashed into the wall at the top of Glenelg, the car being damaged but the European lady driver being unhurt.

Cycle v. Tram-car.

A Chinese lad named Tso Ki (aged 16) and living at 13 Bowrington road, was admitted to Hospital in an unconscious condition subsequent to his cycle colliding with a tram-car at the junction of Jackson and Des Voeux Roads.

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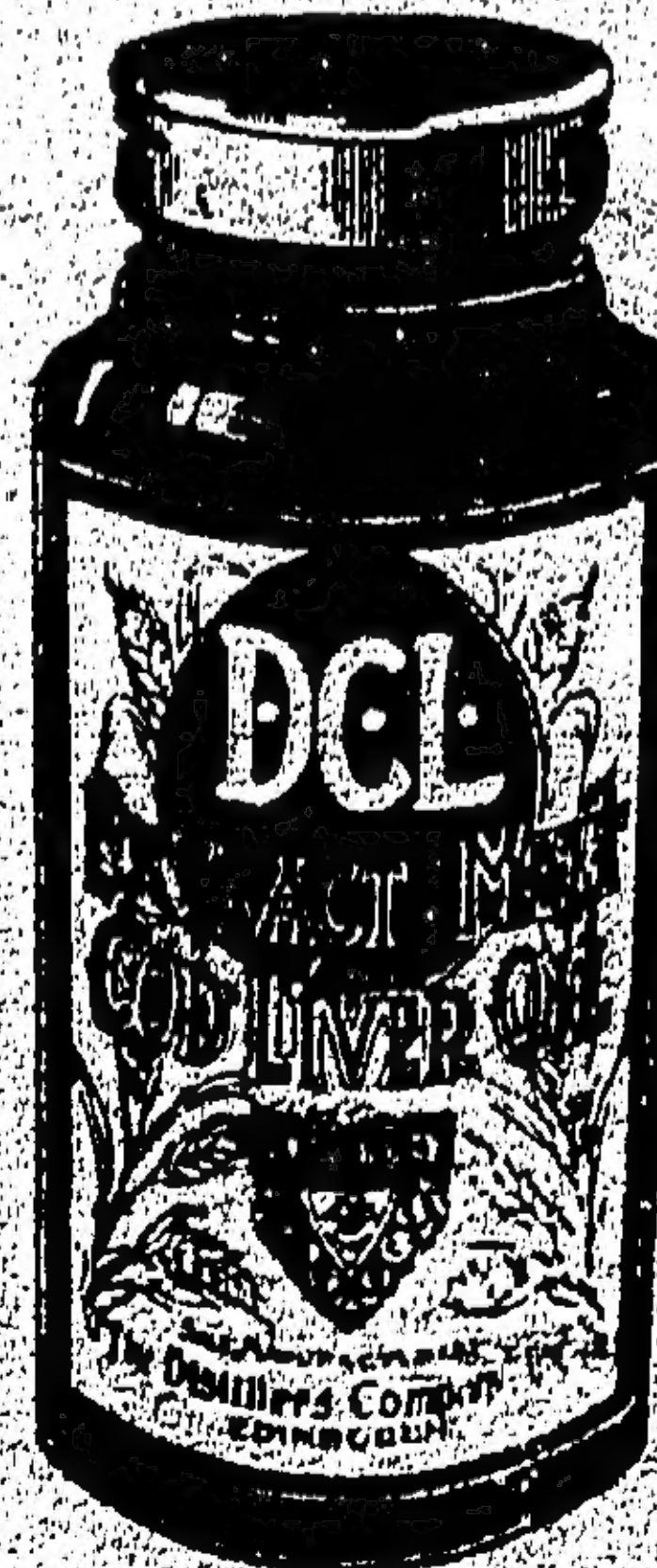
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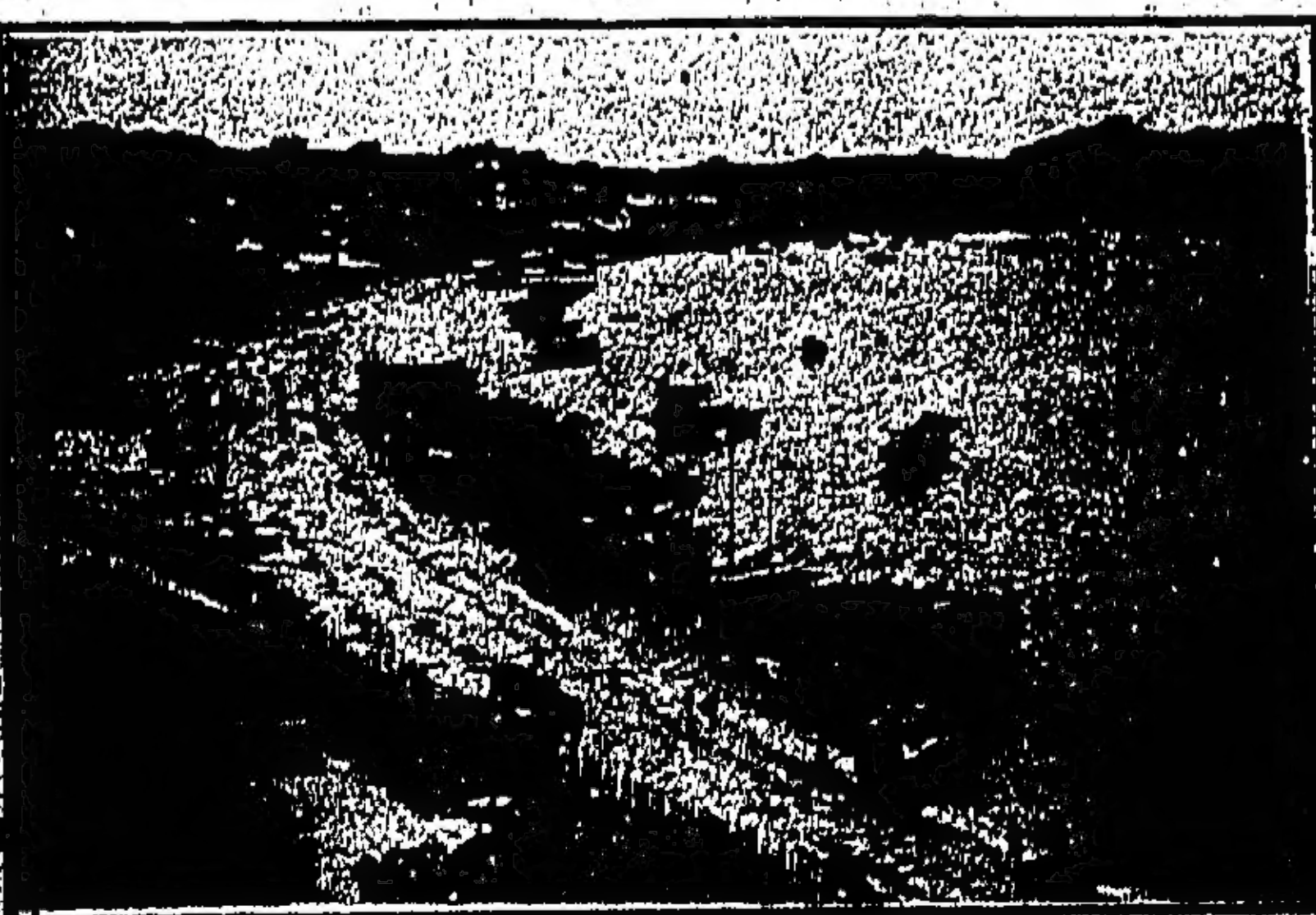
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Lighting-up time to-day and to-morrow is at 5.11 p.m. and 5.10 p.m. respectively.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the birth (27th day of 8th moon) of Confucius, China's national sage.

A meeting of the Licensing Board has been advertised for Nov. 5, at 12 noon, in the Council Chamber, to consider applications for licences.

The Great Northern Telegraph Co., notices that for telegrams to Shanghai and beyond, normal working has been re-established.

Household furniture, black-wood ware, a piano etc. will be sold by Messrs. Lammett Bros. at their Duddell Street auction rooms at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

It has been found impracticable to continue the weekly launch trips to Stonecutters Island, under the auspices of the Easna Club, owing to the extensive damage caused by the storm this week at the bathing beach.

At 5.30 p.m. on Friday, October 15, the Hong Kong Cricket Club will hold their annual meeting, after which 100 debentures in the Club will be drawn for redemption. The announcement proper will be made on Monday.

London, Sept. 13.—Presiding at the Conference called to discuss practical means to expand foreign trade and encourage Japanese investments in enterprises abroad, Baron Shidehara pointed out that the South Seas and India hitherto had been insufficiently exploited, consequently it was now considered, in view of their geographic proximity to Japan and the significant role they would play in the world's economic life, that they necessitated special attention.

Kandy, Sept. 14.—Last night at Ampitva a mahout was killed by his elephant. It appears that at midnight the elephant was being taken to Gampola. One keeper rode on the elephant, while another walked by the animal's side. Suddenly the animal became troublesome and threw the man on its back. The man was trampled by the animal and killed instantaneously, but it is not clear whether this act was deliberate. This animal is said to have been responsible for more than one death during the past few years.

Mr. G. Bolius has been appointed Vice-Consul for Belgium, attached to the Consulate General in Hong Kong.

Mr. J. W. Agar, of Ulu Kesial Estate, Kelantan, and Mrs. Agar, have arrived in Kelantan after several months' holiday in Australia.

The wedding will take place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, to-day (October 2) of Arthur George Mumford, of Rance Limited, Kuala Lumpur, to Marjorie Irene Grollet, of Singapore.

The engagement is announced of Dorothy, the third daughter of the late Mr. Robert and Mrs. Lindsay, of the Singapore Harbour Board, and Bernard Gallagher, of the Singapore Prisons Department and Birkenhead.

Dr. G. W. Theobald who arrived in Bangkok with Mrs. Theobald by the "Kola" is the newly appointed visiting obstetrician and gynecologist for the Faculty of Medicine and will be stationed at the Siraj Hospital. Dr. Theobald came from Leeds to Siam.—"B. Times."

Miss M. Stratton, nursing sister, General Hospital, Singapore, has left on furlough for India prior to retirement. A correspondent states that during her service in Singapore Miss Stratton showed a kindness and devotion to duty which won her the esteem of her colleagues and patients.

Mr. Brookes, an English assistant employed on Petatol estate at Batobahra, was attacked by a Javanese estate labour with a knife when the former attempted to separate two Javanese who were fighting. Mr. Brookes received three wounds. The matter is being taken up by the police.

Singapore, Sept. 22.—On Friday, the Hon. Mr. J. Lorne is to be presented with a valedictory address by the personnel of the local Land Office on relinquishing the post of Commissioner of Lands, S.S., to be acting Resident of Selangor. He will be in Kuala Lumpur for the opening of the Federal Council on Monday. His locum tenens, Mr. Bartlett, will come from Kuala Lumpur after his departure.

Madras, Sept. 14.—The Advisory Committee on Madras Development recommend to the Ministry Madras's participation in the British Empire Fair, to be held in London. The Local Government have called for estimates of the expenditure in participation.

Madras, Sept. 15.—It is notified that travellers proceeding to Ceylon, who are not permanent residents of Ceylon or India and not British subjects, must provide themselves with valid passports to avoid detention at Dhanushkodi and the possibility of being refused permission to land in Ceylon.

The Japanese Government is reported unofficially to have decided to grant financial assistance to the extent of Yen 10,000,000 per annum for the next 10 years to the proposed aerial transportation company which is to come under the Department of Communications and commence operations in 1928.

Employees of the Chinese telegraph Administration are opposing the appointment by the Ministry of Communications in Peking of Mr. Sun Ying-pu as Hui-pan (Associate Director) of the local Administration. They say that their wages are at present in arrears and that it is useless to appoint a new man with a salary \$240 monthly.

London, Sept. 13.—The Australian Ladies' Pipe Band, which is visiting Scotland in connection with the Braemar gathering, was involved in a motor accident at Bowling, near Glasgow. The party were enjoying a trip in five private cars, when the steering gear of the leader went wrong. The motor behind crashed into the first and both were wrecked. Two men and one woman were killed, while two women were injured.

Madras, Sept. 14.—There was a tragic sequel to the broken engagement of Milly Figaredo, an Anglo-Indian girl of 20, who was hacked to death by Gonsalves, an unemployed Anglo-Indian, who is alleged to be her lover. It appears that the accused had paid attentions to the girl for some time, but the engagement was objected to by the girl's parents. This morning, while on her way to the M.S.M. Railway Stores, where she was employed, the girl was attacked by Gonsalves with a big knife. After the murder he escaped, keeping at bay his pursuers on the road by brandishing his knife. The Police arrested him later.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Sultan of Perak gave a farewell lunch to Mr. O. F. Stonor recently at Kuala Kangsar, on his retirement from the Residency, and completing 36 years in the Malayan Civil Service, he being the second official to retire from the Perak Residency within eight months. Mr. Stonor went home on the "Malwa," but is spending some months on the Riviera before going to England.

Colombo, Sept. 14.—One of the most prominent figures in engineering in Ceylon, Mr. C. C. Harward, author of the Colombo Flood Prevention Schemes and the engineer in charge of these works, retires from the Irrigation Department this week. He sails on the "Naldera" on September 18 for Australia, where he had been for twenty years, before coming out to Ceylon, and will also visit New Zealand before going home.

A unit of the Chinese Volunteers and Protectionary Force, which was dissolved by Dr. V. K. Ting, Director of the Port of Shanghai and Woosung, on instructions from Marshal Sun Chuan-fang several weeks ago, has been reorganised with the permission of Dr. Ting. This will be 200 strong and will continue to operate under the name of the Protectionary Force, but will not be permitted to levy taxes as was done in the past.

General Yen Chun-yang, Chinese Chief of Police, at Shanghai, has lately received a number of abusive letters from newly formed organisations attacking him personally, his administration and people under whom he serves. General Yen is reported to be much angered at these epistles and has made a public announcement to the effect that the organisations in question are illegal, and the writers of the letters will be arrested and punished.

Los Angeles, September 16.—The petition, just filed here, of Mrs. Lotta Martin, a widow, for permission to adopt 8-year-old Yasukazu Mori, the son of Japanese parents, born in Japan, who are willing to relinquish him, raises the question for the first time, of the legality of such adoption under the Federal and California laws. The petitioner wants the child decreed all the right. The court has taken the matter under advisement.

The movement of a large quantity of military supplies for the Allied Army of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang occurred during the week-end, when 120 chests containing pistols and revolvers, 800,000 rounds of small arm ammunition, several cannon, and a load of food-stuffs were sent to Nanking.

Shanghai, September 13.—Great consternation was caused in local Chinese circles by the decision of the Mixed Court to hand over to the Chinese authorities the eight youths who were arrested during the demonstration on September 7, as well as the Cantonese General who was arrested lately on a charge of alleged conspiracy against the Nanking government.

Although "White Australia" is the slogan of that country, it is yet fair-minded enough to realise that whatever race subject to British rule has settled there and become eligible for citizenship, is entitled to a fair deal. The law in Australia provides that for every child born the mother is to receive five pounds sterling. A bill has now been passed providing that this maternity allowance should also be extended to Asiatic women who are British subjects living in Australia.

Autumn sacrifices will be offered on October 6 to Kuan-ti, the God of War, and to the spirit of Yoh Fei, a famous general of the Sung Dynasty, who is regarded as the most famous warrior in Chinese history. Dr. V. K. Ting, Director of the Port of Shanghai, will be represented by Col. Wang Yeh-chi, commander of the 18th Chokiang Regiment, as master of ceremonies and he will be assisted by General Yen Chun-yang, Commissioner of Shanghai and Woosung Police. Local officials and leading merchants will attend.

The All-Ceylon Motor and General Engineering Exhibition, organised by the Automobile Club of Ceylon, will be opened on January 6, 1927, by His Excellency the Governor, and it will continue for ten days. Arrangements for the coming Exhibition, which will be held on a site opposite the Public Hall, are on a far larger scale than in any previous year and the Show is likely to prove a record in every respect. The 1921 Exhibition, held in Victoria Park, was the biggest of its kind held in Ceylon, but the forthcoming Exhibition will be three times as large as the 1921 Exhibition.

Nauen, September 13.—The French Ambassador to Moscow, M. Herbet, has been recalled owing to differences between Mr. Briand and M. Poincaré regarding the future policy to be pursued in Russia.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu has telegraphed to the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce expressing his full support of their demands for the cancellation of the old treaty between China and Belgium and stating that if China is to be saved all unequal treaties must be cancelled.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Bernard Crowley, assistant, Butterfield & Swire, residing at No. 1, "Woodside," Quarry Bay, to Augusta Crowley, of Staines, England; and Carlos Antonio Remedios, clerk, residing at No. 37, Granville Road, Kowloon, to Eulalia Christina Sousa, residing at No. 584, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Nauen, September 16.—The Chinese Ambassador to Rome, Mr. Tang Tsai-fu, who is representing China at the meeting of the League, offered a special greeting to the German representative, an act of courtesy which is accepted in German circles with much satisfaction and as a happy initiation of successful co-operative work in the League of Nations.

Madrid, Sept. 23.—For the first time since the close of the World War, a large party of German tourists is visiting Tangier. The party is composed of wealthy men and their wives and has had special accommodations on sea and land. The Germans, who formerly formed a big factor in tourist trade, stopped all visits here during the war. The return is the occasion for much show of hospitality.

Mrs. Genesee of Kobe died peacefully at sea, aboard the "Empress of Canada," on September 12 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. She was on her way to the United States for treatment of cancer, having just come from Karlsruhe, where she had been under the care of Dr. N. Gordon Munro, director of the hospital at that summer resort. Mrs. Genesee was accompanied by her daughter, Gertrude, a 30-year-old girl. Her husband is in Kobe.

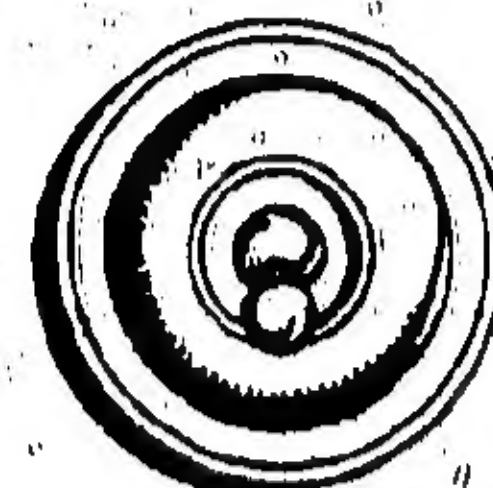
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS.

This week's events of outstanding interest were the disastrous typhoon and Canton's official announcement of the termination of the boycott.

Folks at Home often see and hear a great deal about the havoc of cyclones in this part of the world. What better than to send them a realistic account of your experiences on Monday, coupled with the vivid descriptions in the "Overland China Mail"? All the articles in the daily edition of local interest are reproduced. Instead of having to write a tiresome letter about what actually happened the best alternative is to send a copy of the paper specially designed for the use of friends, relatives and former residents.

IS THE BOYCOTT OVER?

In a few days it will be possible to tell whether the boycott has ended. All the steps leading up to the decision by the Canton Government—together with official communications—are included in this week's issue. Readers are also told about the effects in Canton and Hong Kong and what is being done in anticipation of the return to normal conditions.

"ALL THE NEWS."

As usual, there is not a cable on China or other local topical report omitted. Among news of more importance are:—Outrages of missionaries of the China Inland Mission, foreigners in pirate hands, perils to men on British steamers and warships, latest war developments, &c.

Other items include:—Weddings (with photographs), sport, correspondence on various subjects, Court trials, &c.

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SPORTS SECTION

TRAINING TIMES.

THIS MORNING'S HEAVY GOING.

POOR TIMES RETURNED.

Training gallops were carried out this morning in occasional drizzle. The course was heavy, wet and holding. As was to be expected, times were comparatively poor. Taking conditions as they were, a few ponies returned fairly good times.

The majority of trainers were content to send their charges over a mile or 10 furlongs, beginning slowly and showing off their paces at the finish.

Times as taken were—

Lady Luck (Mr. Roma) 1 1/4 miles: 42. 1.22. 2.06. 2.38. 3.14. 3.50. 4.24. (last quarter 33.40).
 Rayfield (boy) 1/2 mile: 40. 1.14.4 (last qtr. 34.4).
 Rothsay (boy) 1 mile: 42. 1.22.2. 1.50. 2.31.2 (last qtr. 32.2).
 Loch Rannoch (boy) 1 mile: 35.4. 1.21.3. 2.02.1. 2.40.3 (last qtr. 38.2).
 September (Mr. Brodie) 1 1/4 miles: 45. 1.24.4. 2.04. 2.38.3. 3.10.2 (last qtr. 31.4).
 Boldorney Star (Mr. Stanton) 3/4 mile: 43. 1.23.1. 1.59 (last qtr. 35.4).
 The Sand Piper 3/4 mile: 41. 1.18. 1.51.2 (last qtr. 33.2).
 Fireworks (Mr. Gordon) 1 mile: 42. 1.23. 2.11. 2.44 (last qtr. 33.4).
 Total Abstinence (boy) 1 1/4 miles: 44.4. 1.24.2. 2.05.2. 2.42.3. 3.15 (last qtr. 32.2).

OUR NEXT TEST TEAM.

Collins Suggests English Names for 1928.

London, Sept. 17. H. E. Collins, referring to England's cricket team to go to Australia in 1928 to defend "the Ashes," mentioned Mr. D. Lyon, Parsons, K. S. Duleep Singh, H. J. Enthoven, Larwood, Hammond, Geary, Hadlow, G. T. S. Stevens, Holmes, and said Australia would be looking forward to A. P. F. Chapman leading the team.

Collins also said that Strudwick had always given the finest display in the Tests, but the time would come when England must look for his successor. W. B. Franklin was one of the finest wicket-keepers England ever possessed.

The Goblin (Mr. Ralph) 1 1/4 miles: 39.3. 1.17.4. 1.54.2. 2.30. 3.02.3 (last qtr. 32.2).

Barley Grass (Mr. Brodie) 1 mile: 39. 1.16.2. 1.53.2. 2.27.4 (last qtr. 34.2).

Grey Streak (Mr. Gordon) 1 mile: 42.1. 1.20. 1.55.1. 2.30 (last qtr. 34.4).

Home Call (boy) 1 1/4 miles: 47.4. 1.25.2. 2.04.2. 2.38.3. 3.12.2 (last qtr. 33.4).

The Gezer (Mr. Ralph) 1 1/4 miles: 42. 1.21.4. 1.59.4. 2.35.4. 3.08.4 (last qtr. 33).

The Regent (Mr. Brodie) 1 1/4 miles: 41. 1.14. 1.52. 2.29. 3.02.3 (last qtr. 32.3).

Reynolds (Capt. Sturges) and Saracen (boy) 3/4 mile: 37.2. 1.12.2. 1.47 (last qtr. 34.3).

Demon Boy (Mr. Sewell) 1 mile: 41. 1.13. 1.55. 2.31.1 (last qtr. 35.3).

Brigade Call (Mr. Gordon) 1 1/4 miles: 38.3. 1.16.1. 1.56.1. 2.34. 3.06 (last qtr. 32.1).

The Gnome (Mr. Ralph) 1 1/4 miles: 42. 1.20.1. 1.53.3. 2.34.1. 3.08 (last qtr. 33.4).

Ukelele (Mr. Brodie) 1 1/4 miles: 44. 1.28. 2.11. 2.51. 3.25 (last qtr. 34).

Tutix (boy) 1 mile: 45. 1.25. 2.06. 2.40.4 (last qtr. 34.4).

Rehabite (boy) and Blotting Paper (boy) 1 mile: 41. 1.22.4. 2.01.1. 2.34.1 (last qtr. 33).

The Cornhill (Mr. Ralph) 1 1/4 miles: 40. 1.17.1. 1.54. 2.31.1. 3.04 (last qtr. 32.4).

District Call (Mr. Gordon) 1 mile: 36.2. 1.15. 1.52. 2.29 (last qtr. 36).

V.R.C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

The first heats in the V.R.C. annual aquatic sports are to be held at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow (220 yards and 100 yards back stroke, both championships).

Further heats are to be held on Monday at 5.30 p.m. in—(440 yards and 100 yards breast stroke championships, 100 yards boys' championships).
 Entries closed yesterday at 6 p.m. and, while the number is below average, this is not expected to interfere with the success of the meeting.

HOME TURF.

NEWS ABOUT THE AUTUMN DOUBLE.

AHEAD OF THE MAN.

London, Sept. 13. The latest betting on the Cesarewitch (2 1/2 miles, at Newmarket, October 13) is as follows:—
 10 to 1 against Rex Law.
 100 to 1 against Glommen.
 100 to 1 against Perfect Son.
 20 to 1 against Templestowe and Tournesol.
 25 to 1 against Miss Sport and Whinot.

All these odds have been taken and are offered.

For the Cambridgeshire (9 furlongs, at Newmarket, October 15), 100 to 1 on the field is offered.

Later Prices.

London, Sept. 16. The betting on the Cesarewitch is as follows:—
 100 to 1 against Glommen.
 100 to 1 against Templestowe.
 20 to 1 against Forseth.
 25 to 1 against Mendoza.

The betting on the Cambridgeshire is as follows:—
 100 to 1 against Ochiai.
 100 to 1 against Embargo.
 100 to 1 against Delius.
 20 to 1 against St. Fortunat.
 25 to 1 against Asterus.
 25 to 1 against Birchbroom.

All these prices were taken and offered.

A Coronach Rumour.

London, Sept. 13. Racing circles were disappointed over a morning report that Coronach would not run in the Jockey Club Stakes, where he would have met the brilliant Solario, but Lord Woolavington has stated that nothing has yet been decided concerning Coronach.

Note: On Thursday, Solario was beaten by Foxlaw and Coronach is not mentioned as having run in the race.

HOW THEY STAND.

"LATER" HOME CRICKET AVERAGES.

THOSE WHO SHONE.

Further particulars as to how they stand regarding the Home first-class cricket averages for the season:—

Runs	Avg.
Hobbs	2,949 77.60
Sutcliffe	2,528 66.52
E. Tyldesley (3rd)	2,326 64.22
Hendren	2,643 62.92
Mend	2,326 62.86
Hearne	1,384 51.25
Chapman	1,381 51.14
Woolley (11th)	2,133 46.44
Kilner	1,187 37.09

Rhodes Best All Rounder.
 Rhodes knocks the youngsters in all-round display, for, in addition to heading the bowling averages, he scored 1,132 runs with an average of 34.30 per innings.

Maurice Tate is a good second to him in this respect, his figures being (in batting) 1,347 runs with an average of 32.07 per innings, and (in bowling) 147 wickets at 17.51 apiece.

A. W. Carr's drop in form is reflected in his humble 1,236 runs, with an average of 29.42 per innings.

The second place in the bowling averages is taken by Mercer, the Glamorganite.

The following represent the best bowling averages:—

Wkts.	Avg.
Rhodes	115 14.86
Mercer	136 16.46
R. Tyldesley	128 16.86
Tate	147 17.51
Macaulay	134 17.78
Larwood	137 18.31
Parker	213 18.40
A. E. Gilligan	76 20.67

THE AUSTRALIANS.

The complete Australian averages for first-class matches are:—

Runs	Avg.
Woodfull	1,672 57.65
Macartney	1,561 53.82
Ponsford	901 40.95
Bardsley	1,424 40.80
Andrews	1,234 38.55
Gregory	843 35.12
Ryder	956 34.50
Richardson	728 33.09
Ellis	322 32.20
Collins	779 29.96
Taylor	760 22.35
Oldfield	18.93
Grimmett	14.36
Everett	12.88
Malley	5.85

Bowling.

Wkts.	Avg.
Grimmett	105 17.68
Macartney	49 17.81
Malley	126 19.34
Richardson	49 19.71
Collins	6 23.16
Gregory	36 32.16
Everett	17 32.76
Andrews	7 34.28
Ryder	28 36.82

CLUB de RECREIO.

ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS FEATURES.

The third annual aquatic gala of the Club de Recreio is to be held on Sunday, October 10, at the V.R.C., beginning at 2.30 p.m.

There are nine events in the programme open to members of the Portuguese community, and six events confined to members of the club.

The various events to be decided are:—

Open to Portuguese community:—
 50 yards handicap (school boys); 100 yards championship (school boys); 100 yards championship; 100 yards variety stroke; High dive; Long plunge; Water polo; 100 yards handicap (members of V.R.C.); 50 yards consolation race.
 Open to members:—100 yards handicap; 50 yards handicap; pillow fight; Diving for plates; Ladies' nomination; Team race.

LEFT "ASHES" BEHIND.

London, Oct. 1. The Australian cricketers left for home from London this morning.

They were seen off at Paddington by Lord Hampden, Lord Harris, Messrs. P. F. Warner and H. D. G. Leveson-Gower and a large and enthusiastic crowd.

The party sailed from Liverpool this afternoon on board the Canadian Pacific liner "Montrose" for Quebec. They are due in Sydney on November 13.—Reuter.

Parting Words.

Rugby, Oct. 1. The Australians were welcomed by the Mayor of Birkenhead and in reply, Mr. Sydney Smith, their manager, said: "We have lost the 'Ashes' but it is our hope that we have done something to cement the good relations between Australia and the Home country. I am certain that not one of our team is going away without a feeling of regret and sorrow.—British Wireless Service.

The V.R.C. night sets, fixed for to-night, has been put off on account of inclement weather.

MONEY IN TENNIS.

New York, Oct. 1. Vincent Richards has become a professional lawn tennis player, under the supervision of Mr. C. C. Pyle. The announcement was made by Mr. Pyle at a dinner aboard the liner "Paris" in honour of Mlle. Lenglen.—Reuter's American Service.

Later.
 Vincent Richards says he would have been forced to give up tennis entirely if he had remained an amateur.

He is of the opinion that professional tennis has a great future. It is expected that Richards will receive altogether between fifty and a hundred thousand dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

SOCCER NOTICES.

The charity soccer match between the R. A. and the Chinese Athletic Club in aid of the dependants of the late B. Q. M. S. Jacobs, R.A., has been unavoidably postponed till Wednesday, October 13.

In the Hong Kong Football Club game to-day the teams will be Whites.—Rodger, Wallington, Howard, Brown, Stewart, Watson, Ross, Brodie, Hansom, McBride and King. Colours:—Slipper, Purves, Hill, Smith, Ralston, Russakoff, Bell Johnston, Linaker, Valentine and Key.

RAIN SPOILS CRICKET.

This week's rain has affected sports grounds in the Colony and there are some postponements. The Civil Service ground at Happy Valley is unfit and therefore the match there with the University will not take place.

The ground of the Club de Recreio in King's Park is also unfit and therefore the match with the Civil Service "A" team will not be played.

DENISON CUP.

The Golf Club's Denison Cup for September (qualifying competition) drew 23 cards. J. S. MacLaren qualified with a score of 62-7 1/5=54 4/5. Other scores were:—R. M. Henderson 67-8 2/5=58 3/5; L. Col. E. D. Matthews 64-5 2/5=58 3/5; A. Leach 67-6 3/5=60 2/5.

CHINESE HARBOUR SWIM.

The Chinese annual harbour swimming race takes place to-day at 2.15 p.m. A launch will leave the Harbour Office wharf at 2 p.m. for the scene of the race.

CHAMPIONS LOSE.

WHEN THE TEST XI BEAT LANCAHIRE.

SCORES AND INCIDENTS.

London, Sept. 15.

What probably constitutes a unique feat was accomplished by Tate at yesterday's Oval match.

With the last two balls he delivered in the first innings, he dismissed A. Woolley and Duckworth, and with the first ball he delivered in the second innings he dismissed E. Tyldesley.

This feat is not the hat trick as it was not accomplished in a single innings.

During the absence of Chapman in Lancashire's second innings, Stevens was captain and he did very well.

Scores in the county champions (Lancashire) v. the Rest (represented by England's victorious Test XI) at the Oval are:—

The Rest.—1st innings.

Hobbs, b. Sibley	1
Sutcliffe, c. Duckworth, b. Macdonald	6
Woolley, lb.w., b. R. Tyldesley	21
Hendren, c. b. Sibley	100
Mr. A. P. F. Chapman, b. Macdonald	43
Mr. G. T. S. Stevens, b. Sibley	2
Rhodes, c. Woolley, b. Macdonald	10
Geary, c. Watson, b. R. Tyldesley	9
Tate, c. Sibley, b. R. Tyldesley	1
Larwood, b. Macdonald	8
Strudwick, not out	4
Extras	12
Total	217

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Macdonald	4 for 73
Sibley	3 for 43
A. Woolley	0 for 16
Iddon	0 for 14

Lancashire.—1st innings.

Makepeace, b. Larwood	43
Hadlow, lb.w., b. Rhodes	78
E. Tyldesley, b. Larwood	13
Watson, b. Larwood	0
Iddon, st. Strudwick, b. Rhodes	8
Sibley, c. Strudwick, b. Geary	3
Major L. Green, not out	4
Macdonald, b. Tate	0
R. Tyldesley, b. Tate	3
A. Woolley, b. Tate	10
Duckworth, lb.w., b. Tate	0
Extras	18
Total	177

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Larwood	3 for 61
Tate	4 for 40
Geary	1 for 27
Stevens	0 for 14
Rhodes	2 for 17

The Rest.—2nd innings.

Hobbs, c. Makepeace, b. Sibley	82
Sutcliffe, c. Macdonald, b. Iddon	136
Woolley, not out	172
Hendren, not out	77
Extras	21
Total (for 2 wks. dec.)	468

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Macdonald	0 for 113
Sibley	1 for 87
A. Woolley	0 for 99
R. Tyldesley	0 for 53
Iddon	1 for 95

Lancashire.—2nd innings.

Makepeace, c. Strudwick, b. Larwood	2
Hadlow, c. Woolley, b. Tate	7
E. Tyldesley, lb.w., b. Tate	1
Watson, b. Stevens	16
Iddon, st. Strudwick, b. Stevens	34
Sibley, not out	25
Green, c. Woolley, b. Stevens	11
Macdonald, c. Geary, b. Stevens	0
R. Tyldesley, b. Stevens	10
Woolley, c. Hendren, b. Stevens	4
Duckworth, b. Tate	19
Extras	6
Total	134

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Larwood	1 for 7
Tate	3 for 49
Rhodes	0 for 20
Stevens	6 for 52

HOME TENNIS.

London, Sept. 11. Eastbourne.—In the South of England lawn tennis final, Kingsley received a walk over from H. W. Austin, who scratched owing to ill-health.

Mrs. Watson, the holder, beat Miss E. Harvey, 6-4, 6-8, 6-2. "Hodges and Crole" Rees beat Kingsley and Ritchie, 6-2, 6-2, 13-11.

Mrs. Colgate and Miss Tyrol defeated Miss Harvey and Miss Sterry, 6-4, 6-4.

Crole Rees and Mrs. Watson defeated Doust and Miss Ridley, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.

London, Sept. 11. In the All-England veterans' championship, G. Greyille beat Ritchie, 7-5, 6-2.

In the veterans' doubles, L. Milner and C. Tuckey beat R. Sling and W. Ingram, 6-4, 6-3.

NEW SPORT.

The Captain's Cup for this month, in the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, will be played at Fanling from to-day till Monday.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club held their annual meeting in the pavilion at 5.30 p.m. on October 15, following which there will be a drawing of debentures.

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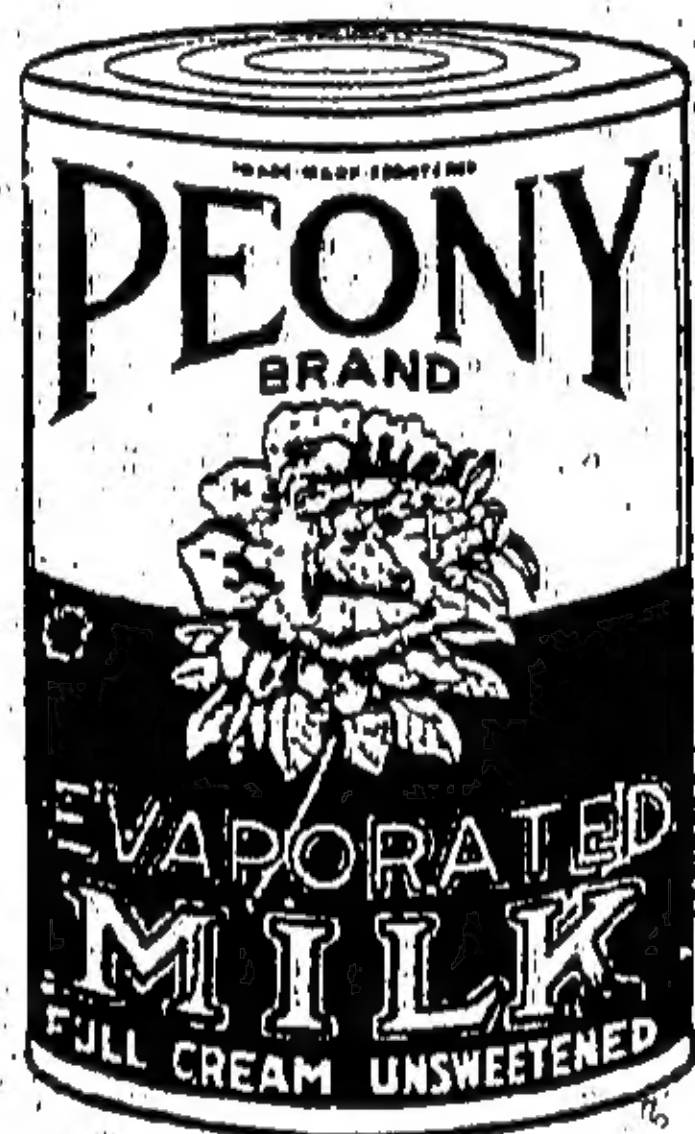
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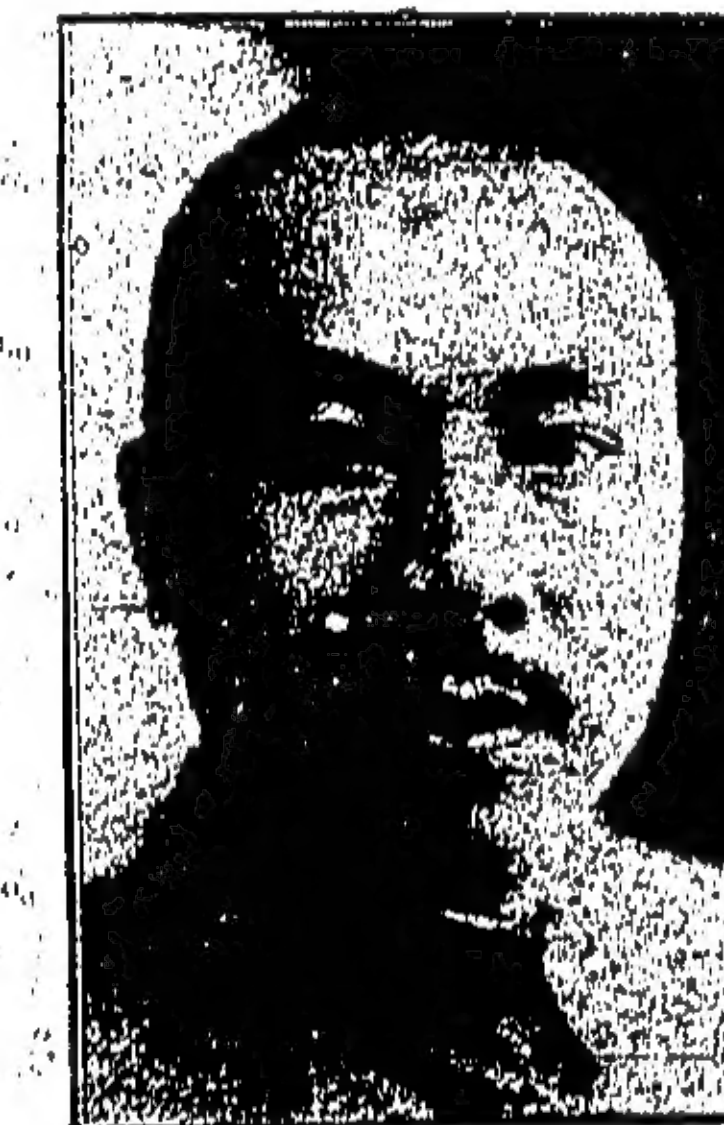
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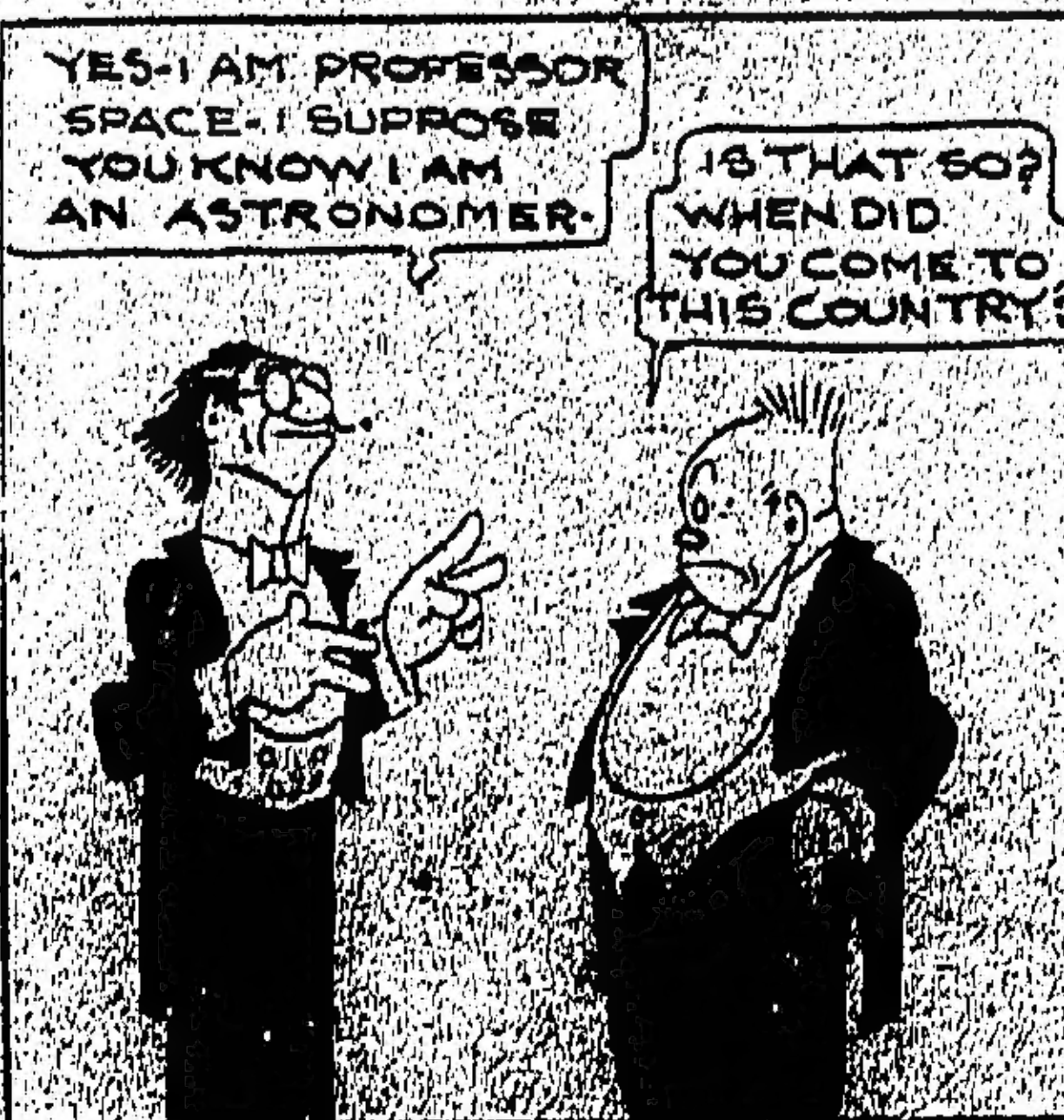
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CANTON'S POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS OF TO-DAY.

Mr. Eugene Chen (Chen Yu-jen), acting
Foreign Minister, whose despatches are now
familiar to Hong Kong.Commander-in-chief Chang Kai-shek, in
his military uniform.M. Borodin, the Russian High Adviser to
the Canton Government.Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-
sen, who opposes the settlement of the boycott.
An ex-Mayor.General Li Chai-sum, commanding the 4th
Nationalist Army and acting commander-in-
chief of Home Defence. Some of his troops
are at the northern front.The most recent photograph of Canton's "soldier of the hour." He is wearing the
conventional long gown of the Chinese gentleman. Note the Dictator's exceptionally broad
shoulders.Mr. Chan Kung-pok, Foreign Commis-
sioner and Superintendent of Customs at
Hankow, nominated as one of the Boycott Con-
ference delegates but did not serve.Mrs. Liao Chung-kai (or Ho Hsueh-yin),
whose husband was assassinated last year.
She is head of the Women's Bureau of the
Kuomintang.General Li Chung-jen, 7th Army, near
Hankow.General Ching Chien, 6th Army, on
Kiangsi front.General Cho Pei-teh, commanding the 3rd
Nationalist (former Yunnanese) Army, whose
men have been engaged on a sector of the
Kiangsi front.General Wong Shih-hung, governor of
Kwangsi. He was in charge at Wuchow when
the British Navy closed the port. He nego-
tiated with the S.N.C. about providing pilots.Major-General Cheung Fat-fui, 12th divi-
sion (4th Army), who also won honour in the
great drive.Major-General Chad Ming-shu, 10th divi-
sion (4th Army) who distinguished himself in
the assault on Wu-Han.Lt.-Gen. Wang Fah-ling, commanding the
1st division of crack Cadets on whose young
shoulders has fallen the mantle of Chang Kai-
shek as leader of the 1st Army.

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SEIGMUND'S PAGE.

QUITE A NOVELTY.

Solve this first without looking at the solution—that is, if you can!

Stand take to taking.
I you throw my

Solution:—I understand you undertake to overthrow my undertaking.

Answer:—A match.

STRICKING!

Strike me if you will.
Treat me with disdain.
Burn me, break me; still—
Your equal I remain.
What am I?
Answer:—A match.

TONGUE TWISTERS.

Say these as quickly as you can:—
Strange strategic statistics.
Sarah in a shawl shovelled soft snow slowly.
A couple of cups of coffee in a copper coffee-pot.
The sea ceased, and it sufficed us.
Smith's flask split Philip's sixth sister's fifth squirrel's skull.

SHORT TURNS & ENCORES.

Although files are supposed to be polite, I found one bathing in my tea the other morning—with out a costume on!

It is regrettable to note that many shops are encouraging burglary. I saw this notice on display quite recently: "Any article may be taken from the window."

CLEAR AS MUD!

'Twas midnight on the ocean.
Not a tramcar was in sight.
The sun and moon shone brightly,
While it rained all day that night.

For in the summer snowstorm
When the rain flowed just like glass,
A barefoot boy with shoes on
Stood sitting on the grass.

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SOME RIDDLES.

What instrument of war does the earth resemble?—A revolver.
Why is the sea cunning?—Because it is full of craft.
What coloured letters do we eat?—Green peas.
Why is a newsboy never cold?—Because selling newspapers keeps up the circulation.
Which travels faster—heat or cold?—Heat, because you can catch cold.
Why should a doctor keep his temper?—Because if he doesn't he will lose his patients (patience).
Can February March?—No, but April May.
What is it if you take away all its letters still remains the same?—A postman.
Why is an author the queerest animal in the world?—Because his tail (tale) comes out of his head.
Why is a tight shoe like the Summer Sun?—Because it makes the corn grow.
When is it dangerous for a burglar to eat bread?—When a policeman is on the loaf.

The solution to last week's word-square puzzle is as under:—

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A	V	E	N	U	E
P	E	R	U	S	E
E	S	T	E	E	M

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

The Bible contains 31,102 verses?
Most dogs are fully grown when a year old?
Newspapers were first printed in Britain in 1622?
Bricks were introduced into England by the Romans?
It is good manners amongst the Arabs to make as much noise as possible while eating?
The sea cucumber shrivels itself up to almost nothing when attacked by an enemy?

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LIMERICKS AGAIN!

I wish to thank "Joan" again, this time for the following limericks.

There was a young man of Bordeaux
Whose voice was as hoarse as a creaux;
He went to the Zoo,
And they took him in, too,
So now he's a fixture—What heaux!

An ambitious young salesman named Weast,
Used to feed himself mainly on yeast;
For he said, "You'll surmise,
I am hoping to rise;
So I mean to get started at least."

There once was a person named Carr
Who caught the 3.3 to Forfar;
"For," said he, "I believe,
That the 3.3 does leave
Far before the 4.4 for Forfar."

RECIPES DE LUXE.

Unfortunately, the cookery book which I expected to arrive a few days ago, failed to catch that mail. So I am not able to give you any recipes from it this week; but, however, I have chosen the following four delights from a feminine journal instead. I do hope you will like them.

Knights on Pontoons.

Required:—2 egg yolks, 1 cupful milk, 1/2 teaspoonful salt, bread.

Cut slices of stale white bread one-fourth inch thick. Cut off the crusts and trim into shape. Beat together the egg yolks, milk, and salt; pour over the bread, and let soak for a few minutes. Fry in a hot buttered pan to a golden brown. Arrange on a platter and place a teaspoonful of jelly in the centre of each piece. Serve hot.

Apple Pancakes.

Required:—6 to 8 apples, 1 cupful flour, 1 cupful milk, 3 eggs, 1 tablespoonful sugar, 1/2 teaspoonful salt.

Mix and sift together the flour, sugar, and salt. Beat the eggs with the milk and add to the other mixture. Pare and cut the apples crosswise, removing the cores. Place in a greased pan a single layer of the apples, fry for a minute; then pour over the apples just enough batter to cover the bottom of the pan; fry for a few minutes; turn and fry on the other side. Repeat the process, and place two or three cakes on the top of each other, sprinkle with sugar, and serve.

Paprika Veal or Beef Goulash.

Required:—4 pounds veal or beef, 1 cupful butter or other fat, 8 large onions, 1 teaspoonful salt, 1 tablespoonful paprika, soup stock or water, flour, 2 or 3 tablespoonfuls cream.

Melt the fat in an iron pot, and add the meat, cut in square pieces, and the finely chopped onions, and fry to a golden brown; stir in the paprika and salt. Cover and let it slowly simmer, add the soup stock or water from time to time, and stir in a pinch of flour at intervals to produce a rich and rather thick sauce. Cook slowly for one and one-half hour, and when nearly done add the two or three tablespoonfuls of cream.

Fruit Salad a la Etats D'unis.

Required:—3 medium oranges, 1 cupful strawberries, 3/4 cupful pineapple (cut in pieces), 1/2 cupful walnuts, paprika, French dressing, lettuce.

Pare the oranges with a sharp knife and cut crosswise into 1/8-inch slices. Remove the seeds, if any, and cut away the membrane from the centre, being careful to keep the slices in perfect shape. Place 5 slices of a crisp lettuce leaf on top of each other. Mix the strawberries, pineapple, and nut-meats together. Cover the top slice of orange with the fruit mixture. Sprinkle with the French dressing (allowing about 3 tablespoonfuls for each individual plate of salad) and paprika. When this sweet salad is served dessert is not needed.

IS ANYTHING NEW?

Bending Glass 5000 Years Ago.

Two splendid inventions of the last few years, stainless metal and unbreakable glass have been found to be nothing new after all. A writer in our weekly friend Nature, who has been studying the matter, has discovered a statement to the effect that in A.D. 829 El Mamoun, son of Haroun-al-Raschid, after succeeding in making an entry into the tomb of Cheops and the West Pyramid of Gizeh, found treasures containing instruments of iron and vessels of earth, with "arms which rust not, and with glass that might be bended and not broken."

It is generally believed that the Pyramids were built about 3900 B.C., which means that rustless steel and flexible glass were probably known to the ancient Egyptians more than five thousand years ago!

Lost secrets are like lost causes.—Mr. Middleton Murray.

Many years ago, during a naval fight between Brazil and Uruguay, round Dutch cheeses were used as ammunition for the guns! Bread, however, was not fired out with them.

A tomtit eats about 9,000 butterfly eggs a day, and the mother tomtit catches on an average 40,000 caterpillars to feed her children. This easily beats the record of a sparrow family, which uses a mere 5,000 caterpillars in the day's meals.

At the pressure of a button by these wizards in the control station the pilotless machines will drop bags of mails, which will come floating down supported by parachutes.

Letters at 500 Miles an Hour.

The experts who have concentrated on this subject say that we shall be able to flash express letters between London and Paris in less than an hour. They declare that on immensely long lights, such as that between America and Europe, automatic mail-carriers, like stream-lined projectiles, reaching heights of ten and twelve miles above the surface of the ocean, will eventually reach maximum speeds as great as, or even exceeding 500 miles an hour.

Ten miles a minute 12 miles high! Think of it! Think what it will mean to human intercourse, to the acceleration of the world's business, when urgent mails can be finished between Europe and the United States in hours instead of days, when a wirelessly-directed mailplane, with no human hand at its controls, covers distance at such a pace that it spans the Atlantic in eight hours!

Charting the Upper Air.

An all-important feature of this new research will be the accurate charting of the speed and trend of winds which blow at immense heights.

One of the vital theories now to be proved or disproved is that at altitudes of from ten to twelve miles above the surface of the Earth there are vast winds moving at speeds as great as 250 or 300 miles an hour. Research is now going on to clear up these mysteries.

One method of aerial sounding for this purpose is to send up manless balloons carrying instruments which, when a balloon reaches Earth again, record the height it had attained and the strength of the winds which it passed through at various altitudes. Another way of finding out these things is for a pilot to ascend as high as he can in an aeroplane and make personal observations. With balloon soundings much valuable work has been done.

Flying 15 Miles Above the Earth.

One small pilotless balloon recently reached a height of over 23 miles. It has been shown already that miles above the Earth's surface the wind attains a force greater than any known in any gale that sweeps over land and sea.

It is a new romance, this! Exploring flights by aeroplane are to be made at altitudes far greater than have been attempted before. Men may be able to "soak" fifteen miles above the Earth's surface, in regard to the finding of oxygen, essential when a pilot reaches abnormal heights, the idea now is that, instead of breathing this in through a mask, the airman charting the wind should be enclosed in a cabin to which oxygen is fed by a system under his control and in which he is perfectly free to make his records and observations.

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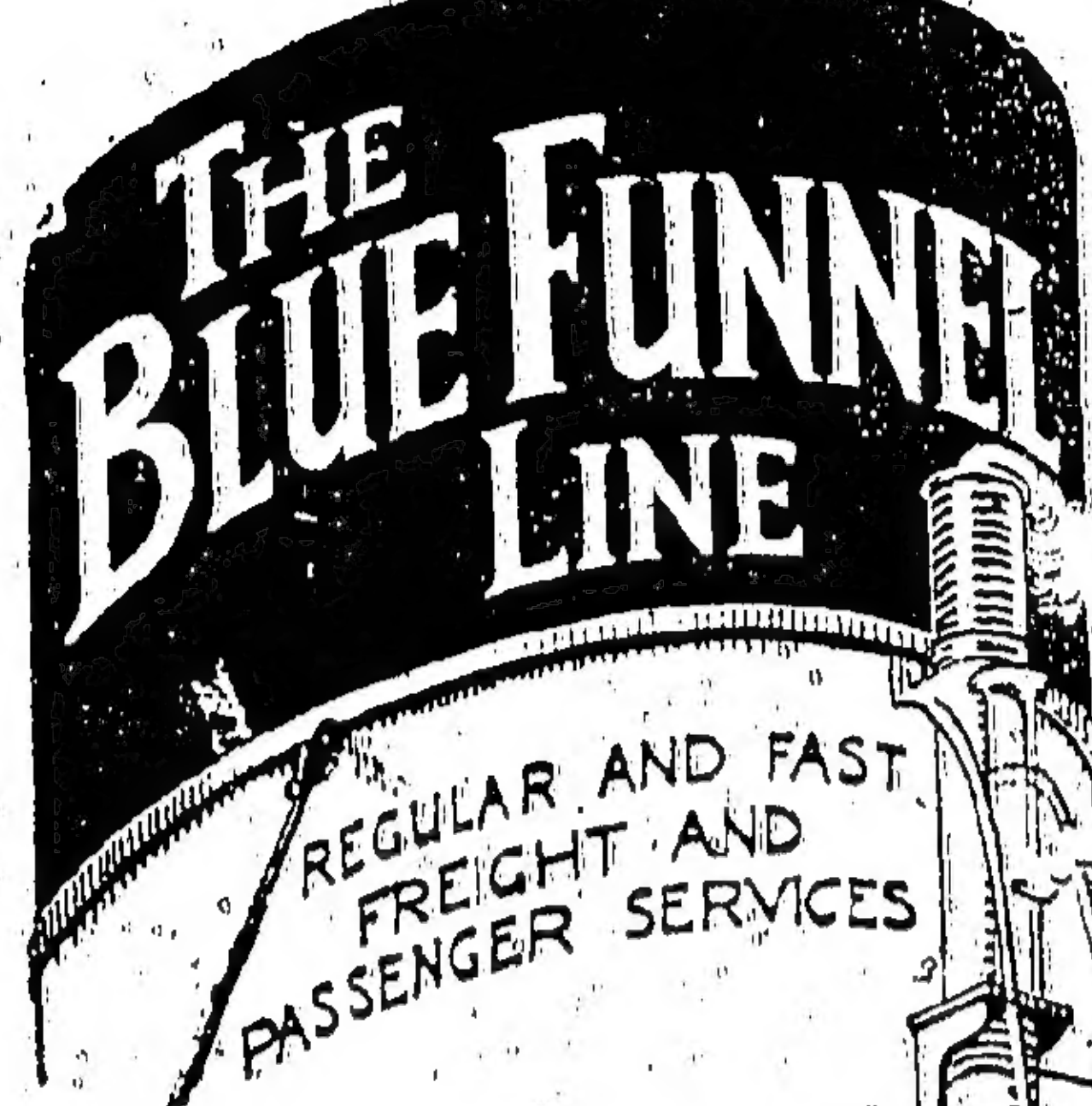
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NOTICE.

With reference to the Regulation published in the "Gazette" of the 10th September, concerning the issue of receiving station licences under the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1926, it has been decided that the present arrangements will be allowed to continue until the 31st of December, 1926, and that receiving station licences will not be insisted upon until 1st January, 1927.

Application for the grant of receiving station licences may be made to the Postmaster-General on or after 1st November, 1926, and any licences issued between 1st November and 31st December, 1926, will take effect as from 1st January, 1927.

Wireless Service between Hongkong and Canton is resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.	PM
Straits	Katori Maru
Australia and Manila	Arafura
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.		
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.		
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.		
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.		
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FOR	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.	TIME
Saloon	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	
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Wakhaia	5 p.m.
Shanghai	5 p.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.		
Manila	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	9 a.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.		
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	10.30 a.m.
(Letters and parcels specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	
Amoy	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America	
& EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	
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Letters 2.30 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.		
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	8.30 a.m.
Formosa	3.30 p.m.
Manila	5 p.m.
Shanghai	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.		
Hohow and Haiphong	6.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	11.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COBHAM HOME.

(Continued from Page 7.)

ing forward with a large financial contribution that the necessary funds were secured for Mr. Cobham's flight, and it was an acknowledgement of this that the flight was officially called "The Sir Charles Wakefield Flight to Australia."

An Affectionate Meeting. As Mr. Cobham landed from the launch Mrs. Cobham, accompanied by the Speaker of the House of Commons and Sir Samuel Hoare, descended from the platform and advanced to meet him. There was an affectionate meeting between Mrs. Cobham and her husband. Tremendous cheering broke out from the assemblage on the Terrace and the spectators on Westminster Bridge and the Thames Embankment. Mr. Cobham was then warmly greeted with many hearty handshakes.

Message from the King. Sir Samuel Hoare opened the formal reception by reading the following message from the King:—"On your safe return from Australia, I offer you a cordial welcome and congratulate you heartily on the successful termination of yet another historic flight."

Sir Samuel Hoare proceeded to offer the welcome of the British people to Mr. Cobham and to Sergeant Wood and Mr. Capel, his mechanics. He said that he was glad to welcome them on the Terrace of the House of Commons—one of the most historic sites and centres of the British Empire. For generations past men who had served the State had been received there year after year, but this was a unique occasion for the Palace of Westminster was now receiving one of the greatest pilot pioneers of the Empire.

After paying a tribute to Mr. Cobham's achievements not only in this flight to Australia, but in his previous flights to India and South Africa, the Air Minister said that was not all that Cobham had done. "I venture to say that as pilot he has succeeded where politicians sometimes fail by bringing the peoples of the Empire more closely together both in body and in mind."

He concluded with words of sympathy for the mother of Mr. Elliott, the mechanic, who, when accompanying Mr. Cobham, was shot by an Arab at Basra.

Cobham Interviewed. In an interview later Mr. Cobham emphasised that the whole purpose of his flight was to demonstrate that aviation was no longer a mere hazardous adventure, but a serious commercial proposition. Even the difficulties encountered during the flight had proved valuable from this viewpoint for they had shown that with adequate and sure safeguards, they could be surmounted. Throughout the whole journey there had been no delay due to machine or engine failure in spite of the fact that they had not had a complete overhaul since leaving Britain. His progress had been hindered only by other uncontrollable causes, such as the sad tragedy that befell him in the loss of his former mechanic the search for seaplane bases in the Persian Gulf, and adverse weather.

Burma's "Demper." Referring to the weather off Burma coast on the homeward journey he said that he never experienced such rain, four or five inches falling daily for five days. He had been most unfortunate, for he had struck the worst storm of the monsoon period and, try as he would, he could not get behind it. But in those localities even mail boats were sometimes as much as 48 hours late, and there was nothing to do but wait for storms to subside, although, with adequate telegraphic and wireless communication, much could be done to assist aerial navigation. Even storms, however, had put them in possession of most valuable data for future use.

Interest on the Route. Mr. Cobham said that throughout the whole journey he found the keenest interest displayed in the prospects of a commercial air route being opened, and particularly down the Malay Peninsula—from Calcutta to Singapore—there were hundreds of ideal seaplane bases. He anticipates, however, that neither seaplanes nor aeroplanes will in future be used exclusively on the route to Australia. He anticipates that travellers will go by rail to Marseilles, boat to Calcutta,

FRENCH BANKS.

ACTIVITIES IN THE FAR EAST.

FRANCO-CHINESE SHARES.

Paris, Oct. 1. An interesting passage appears in the report presented at the meeting of the Societe Francaise de la Banque Industrielle de Chine, in which the directors expressed satisfaction that the credit of the Franco-Chinese Bank had strengthened and its activities in the Far East had increased, following "a satisfactory settlement with Far East creditors."

The Chairman explained, however, that there could be no question of transforming a de facto substitution into a de jure; and, replying to a shareholder, he added that the question of exchanging Banque Industrielle de Chine shares for Franco-Chinese Bank shares could not be contemplated for some time.—Reuter.

BONDS STOLEN.

DARING AFFAIR IN PARIS.

Paris, October 1. A case containing 1,500 Chinese Loan Bonds, valued at £15,000 sterling, was stolen from a van in the Avenue de l'Opera during the absence of the driver.

It is understood that the numbers of the missing securities have been telegraphed to banks in London and other centres, where they may be offered for sale.—Reuter.

Later. The stolen Chinese securities, mentioned earlier, are valued at two million francs, and were en route to the Gare St. Lazare for despatch to a Hong Kong bank.

The case was discovered missing when the van arrived at the station. Fortunately, the securities cannot be disposed of in France.—Reuter.

aeroplane to Karachi, rail to Calcutta, seaplane to Port Darwin, and aeroplane to across Australia, but he was not sure that lighter-than-air machines would not be more suitable for some sections of the route.

Australia to the Fore. He believes that in Australia there is an immense future for aviation, particularly by privately owned small machines, which will link up isolated districts. Already aeroplanes are being brought into use on some of the large sheep stations, and the membership of Aeroplane Clubs in the capital cities is rapidly growing.—British Wireless Service.

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MAGISTRACY.

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